

September

Bethany News

2023

FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF BETHANY LUTHERAN

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Monthly Meetings

Church Council &
Finance Committee
Worship Committee
Men's Breakfast
WELCA Circles
WELCA Exec. Board

2nd Tuesday
1st Monday
1st & 3rd Saturday
1st full week
3rd Thursday

Pack 9 BSA
Crew 9 BSA
Troop 9 BSA

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

Message from the Pastor

On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread..." Acts 20:7

This month we will begin having communion every week. We will be joining with an ancient tradition going back to the early church of Acts in which followers of Jesus enjoy this sacred meal with one another frequently and with joy.

In this meal, "God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel" (Use of the Means of Grace 36). Communion is one of the two sacraments, the two places in which God has promised to be present to us, and thus frequent participation of this gift is preferred.

Going as far back as the reformation we see evidence that weekly communion was the norm and expectation for Lutheran churches. The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, written in September 1531, says that "Lutheran congregations celebrate the Holy Communion every Sunday and festival" (Use of the Means of Grace 39).

Through cultural and historical forces too varied to sum up, many congregations moved to less frequent celebration of communion over the past 500 years, with many churches communing every two weeks or less. Nevertheless, the ELCA began a push to restore weekly communion in the middle of the twentieth century. This is evident in numerous official documents from the 1980's and 1990's, including the Use of the Means of Grace published in 1997. Even in our hymnal one can see the change in the number of settings for services with communion in comparison to the single setting offered for service of the Word.

Christ invites us to come to the table, be filled with wine and bread. To know and feel and believe and taste God's love for us. Because while we can experience Christ anywhere, communion is one of two places we can know he is present with us.

So let us come and be filled by the lifegiving body and blood of our Lord. Let us be fed and strengthened to go out into the world and share the love we have received. Let us live in the abundant table which Jesus has spread before us as we long for the feast to come.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Bre

PS. If you want additional reading, I have numerous articles and books that I can share to help think through communion practices. Just let me know!



WELCA

Martha Circle September 12th 11:00 AM

Eve Circle September 13th 11:00 AM

Welcome back. Let's get together and have a great new season.

More updated information will be discussed at meetings. All women are welcome to either circle.

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.

Worship Committee

Wasn't the 2023 Summer the best at Bethany?

June 1st, Pastor Bre began her ministry at Bethany as our full time Pastor. Welcome Pastor Bre.

July 27th was the official Installation at Bethany Lutheran Church of Pastor Breanna Lee Tessitore. What a very moving worship service, with the clergy being well represented, long with Pastor Bre's proud family and friends, and of course many members of Bethany. Following the Installaton Service, a celebration was held in Gibson Hall with a time for fellowship and to congratulate Pastor Bre and of course good food. What a memorable day and evening.

Yes, we are already moving ahead into September with many new and exciting things happening.

September 3rd Holy Communion, with a brief meeting after the worship service for anyone who would like to sign up to be a communion assistant. Also at that time, Pasor Bre will answer any questions or concerns involved in being a communion assistant. The Worship Committee would like to thank those who signed up. If you missed the two opportunities and you would like to participate, please contact Lois. All are welcome. **This will be the last 9:30 AM service.**

September 10th Holy Communion. We will be returning to our Fall/Winter 10:15 AM worshp service schedule. We will remember the 22nd Anniversary of 9/11. You will also notice a couple of changes in todays bulletin, After the 10:15 AM worship service, we will enjoy our Annual Church picnic. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex,

September 17th Holy Communion

September 24th Holy Communion

September 29th 11:00 AM Bernice Merz Memorial Service.

I hope everyone had a wonderful, relaxing and safe summer. **Don't forget 10:15 AM worship service begins September 10th**

Fellow Congregates,

We welcome you back for those that have been away enjoying your summer and other from your vacations. The Council hopes everyone enjoyed their summer.

We are off to a great start with Pastor Tessitore and are very pleased with her sermon's and energy.

We have two very important dates coming up in September and October with September 10 following the return of our 10:15 service will be the annual picnic, a sign up sheet is in the Narthex for the extra's that are needed. We will be providing the hamburgers and hotdogs. The October event will be our 85th birthday and will be held on October 22 at the Palmyra Harbour Boat Room where we held a previous event. There will be tickets available for those interested in coming. Please see Tom Willard or Pastor Bre for more information and tickets.

Welcome back everyone, see you in church

Rick Dreby
Council

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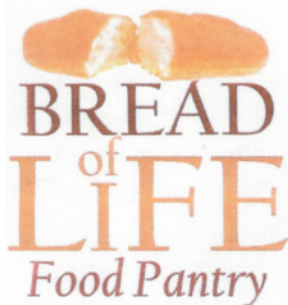
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Property Committee

We have had an active summer. Our thanks to Bill Knowles for mowing the lawn every two weeks and Bill Isard for trimming. A special thanks to our resident gardener, Maryanne Middleton, for taking care of all our plants and flowers. A great job by all.

Our big project in July was Gibson Hall. The floor was refinished, The old wax was stripped, floor scrubbed and rewaxed. This took 3 – 4 days with the following volunteers. Bob Deats, Rick Dreby, Bill Isard and Dan Schoen. A commercial quote was obtained for this job at \$900. As you can see, our workers saved us money on this project. There were other little jobs along the way, (they usually don't show up much, but still save money). We need more "younger" helpers. Even if you can only give a few hours of your time, it would be great. Let's begin this new season with a renewed effort. Please call or speak to any of the committee. Thanks again to all for your help this summer and always.

Property Committee



We recently had 165 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**



September

- 01 James Cheney, Jr.
- 04 Georgia Horter
- 05 Iain Docherty
- 07 Allison Greenfield
- 07 Candace Mankowski
- 08 Owen Cutler
- 13 Jeffrey Butler
- 13 Lauren Edge
- 16 Malisa Eckhardt
- 17 Antonio Cintron
- 17 Pat Williamson
- 17 Nicholas Wolan
- 18 Kelly Wilson
- 21 Susan Docherty
- 22 Robert Cintron
- 29 MaryLou Batchelor

September

What's Happening...

09/01

09/02

8:00 AM: Cinnaminson Diner (Men's Breakfast)
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Instrumental Practice)

09/03

9:30 AM: Communion
10:30 AM: Communion Assistant Training

09/04

Labor Day

09/05

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

09/06

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Church 2nd Floor (Pack Comm. Meet)

09/07

09/08

09/09

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

09/10

10:15 AM: Communion
11:30 AM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft/Yard (Church Picnic)

09/11

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Miller House (Worship Committee)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Church 2nd Floor (Troop Comm. Meet)

09/12

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Miller House (Martha Circle)
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)
7:00 PM: Miller House (Council Meeting)
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2nd Floor (Scouts)

09/13

09/14

09/15

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

09/16

8:00 AM: Cinnaminson Diner (Men's Breakfast)
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Instrumental Practice)

09/17

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM: Communion

09/18

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

09/19

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

09/20

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Miller House (85th Anniversary Meeting)

09/21

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

09/22

09/23

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

09/24

Communion

09/25

Bethany News Articles are due
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)

09/26

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

09/27

09/28

09/29

09/30

11:00 AM: Bernice Merz Memorial
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Instrumental Practice)



Annual



Bethany



Church



Picnic

September 10, 2023

Following the 10:15 am service

Bring a friend or grandchildren

Sign up in the Narthex



Hamburgers and Hot Dogs are provided.

A decorative border of various colorful butterflies (including monarchs, blues, and purples) and flowers (including lilies and tulips) surrounds the central text.

85th Anniversary

October 22, 2023

Palmyra Harbour Club

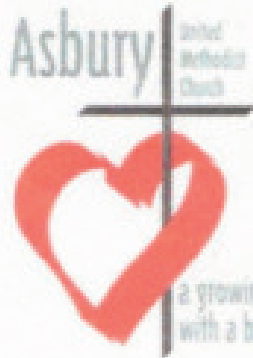
Ticket Price

0-6 years \$0.00

7-18 years \$15.00

19-99 years \$25.00

Purchase tickets using the special envelopes
in the pews or church office



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John W. Doll, Pastor

Sharing the love of Jesus. We love because He first loved us.

1 John 4:19

August 13, 2023

Dear Pastor Bre and Special Friends at Bethany,

Our Good Neighbor Ministry to the homeless continues. In the last two months we have assisted 14 neighbors, provided 40 days/nights of housing, and assisted 10 people (including a 1-year-old infant and 13-year-old). Also, many of the people we assist are elderly. Thank you for helping us in this outreach! Your support means a great deal to us! I announced your gift in our Worship Service today!

May God bless and use your Church in ways beyond which you can ask or imagine – Ephesians 3:20-21!

In God's Amazing Grace and Love,

Pastor John T. Doll



August 14, 2023

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Dear Friends of Camp No Worries,

Thank you for making a difference!

Camp No Worries is a place of happiness, friendship and new adventures. Your thoughtful donation of **\$1000.00**, will help provide one week of an overnight camp to children with a cancer diagnosis and none of the financial burden to their family. Camp No Worries is a camp solely run by volunteers. This would not be possible without supporters like you.

Camp No Worries is proud to say we have officially completed our 29th year of camp and have provided over 2215 children a week of "No Worries". Our leadership team is planning to make **Camp 2024, our 30th Anniversary** an experience that will not be forgotten.

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!

Camp No Worries is a non-profit organization our number is 82-3793545.

Sincerely,

Pam Hall
Camp No Worries
Volunteer

