

November

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
Girl Scouts

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

Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near!

1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

4 Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Repentance is one of those things that we are fine talking about in the abstract but don’t much like to confront when it becomes personal and messy. Every Sunday morning, we begin our worship service with the order of Confession and Forgiveness of Sins. A time when we come together and proclaim to God that we have failed. That we have actively chosen to sin. That we repent.

But sometimes we need to ask ourselves, have we truly repented? Are we truly sorry?

I worked in a childcare facility for a number of years and whenever one child hit another, we always marched them over to the other and made them say sorry. But to be sorry, to repent, requires us to change our behavior. Very young children aren’t truly apologizing when we ask them to say sorry after hitting someone, it’s not developmentally appropriate for them to be able to understand and change their behavior right away. We have them say sorry to train them in repentance, train them in how to acknowledge when you mess up and how to make amends.

Confession and Forgiveness on Sunday can serve in this same way. It helps us practice how to repent. How to see when we fail and choose to behave differently. It teaches us to be honest when we fail, in “things we have done and in things we have failed to do.” To hold ourselves accountable by being in community. To do our best every day, knowing we will likely mess up and that there is always another chance to try again.

May we indeed be “truly sorry and humbly repent” when we fail to live as God has called us to live. When we harm another through our actions or apathy. When we prioritize ourselves over our neighbors. When we fail to trust God and place our trust in money, power, or people instead.

John the Baptist cried out in the wilderness to “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Repent. Change your ways. Join in the good things God is doing. Forgiveness is waiting. Amen.



Worship Committee

I really should be outside raking and enjoying this beautiful day. I wonder if I will have to mow anymore? All of these important decisions to make. I am just going to pass those kind of decisions on to Mother Nature. I know one kind of decision I can't pass on to her, is that I better get busy and write this November Bethany News article before I get a call from Bill Isard.

The Worship Committee has soooo much exciting news to pass on, we don't want you to miss anything.

November 5th All Saints Sunday, the last opportunity to contribute to Bread of Life Food Pantry a cash donation for Thanksgiving

November 12th Pentecost 24

November 19th Christ the King This is not an error. You will note we are adjusting our Advent schedule.

November 21st. Tuesday, the Triboro Clergy Association Thanksgiving Service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 305 Main St., Riverton at 7: PM Pastor Bre, and Pastor Rachel, Pastor at Epworth United Methodist Church will be preaching.

November 26th First Sunday in Advent.

We don't want to rush you into December 24th, it is just information we would like to share with you.

December 24th Come and enjoy our casual intergenerational Christmas Service beginning at 10:15 AM. Our traditional candlelight service will be held at 7: PM

Please take time to enjoy November and thank the Lord for our many blessings, not only on Thanksgiving Day, but all year long.

WELCA

Martha Circle November 7th 11 AM

Eve Circle November 8th 11 AM

Topic All in Good Time

Our Executive Committee put together 25 Health Kits which will be distributed to Lutheran Social Ministries.

Thank you for all your contributions.

Follow Members of Bethany

On behalf of Council we hope you are enjoying the fall and the beautiful fall foliage, we had a very nice and well attended 85 th Anniversary celebration on October 22 held at the Palmyra Harbour Club House. A special thanks goes to Tom Willard who chaired the committee along the members of Bethany that assisted him. Secretary Michelle was a big help in putting the booklet together. 85 years of strong support of Bethany has made us what we are today. Just think 15 more years and it will our 100 th Anniversary, WOW!

As we move into the Holiday season we wish everyone to be safe and healthy so that we may enjoy our family and friends.

Continue to support our church and spread the good news of the message and programs we are building.

Rick Dreby
Council President



Thanks be to God for all the food that we have been able to collect this month to go to Bread of Life Food Pantry!

We collected well over 600 items, surpassing our goal of 500 items within the first two weeks of the month. This food will go to Bread of Life Food Pantry at Epworth. We also raised over \$100 to give to the pantry to purchase what they need for Thanksgiving meals. In addition, due to our dedication in gathering items early on, we were one of the first 100 teams to gather the necessary 500 items; this means that Thrivent will be sending a \$500 check to Epworth for the food pantry.

This effort is incredibly necessary as Bread of Life is now feeding over 160 families every month.

May we continue to find ways to be good stewards of the gifts God has given to us, using our blessings to care for one another and all people.

Stewardship Letter – November 2023



Winter Season is Rapidly Approaching!!!

Here is an update on our September 2023 Financials:

<u>Balance 9/1/23</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 9/30/23</u>
\$40,108.41	+\$11,029.33	(-\$12,985/66)	\$38,152.09

As you can see above, our balance in our Parish decreased by **(-\$1,956.32)** over the month of September. Thank you all for your generous contributions each month. Expenses are trending higher than our receipts this past month.

As we get closer to the Winter Season and Advent, we have much to be thankful for this year. We now have Pastor Breanna to lead us into the future with new ideas, great sermons, wonderful children's messages, and much more to come. We have our Church building, Church office, Gibson Hall, our Choir and Debbie Schoen to lead our musical program and Christmas Pageant this year. We have Michelle Ieradi our Administrative Assistant, we have our Church Council led by Rick Dreby, and all the Church Committees, WELCA Groups, and our Sextant.

Our Bethany Lutheran 85th Anniversary Celebration was well attended, and we all had a marvelous time, great food, fellowship, and sharing God's Love. This Church has a long history of serving the community and spreading God's Love to All. Thanks to all the members that put the event together and worked hard to make it a momentous success! Let us continue to support the important work that we do for our Church and Community in Jesus name we pray for God's help.

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



November

01 Corbin Marandola

03 Ava Lumley

04 Alyssa Schweiger

05 Charles Bauer

06 Emily Brennan

07 Lynn Smith

09 Marie Carlin

10 Thomas Willard

11 Alex Young

12 Ginger Hogan

12 Karin Kane

12 Scott Cooney

15 Miralda Poeder

17 Melva Bechler

17 Arlene Shaffer

19 Tracy Foedisch

20 Carol Fackler

24 Sharon Drake

November

What's Happening...

- 11/01 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Church 2nd Floor (Pack Comm. Meet)
- 11/02
- 11/03
- 11/04 8:00 AM: Cinnaminson Diner (Men's Breakfast)
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Piano/Organ Practice)
- 11/05 Communion/**Day Light Savings**
- 11/06 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)
7:00 PM: Miller House (Worship Meeting)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Church 2nd Floor (Troop Comm. Meet)
- 11/07 **Election Day**
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)
- 11/08 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Miller House (Eve Circle)
- 11/09
- 11/10
- 11/11 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM: Miller House (Scouting for Food)
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Piano/Organ Practice)
- 11/12 Communion
- 11/13 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 11/14 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)
7:00 PM: Miller House (Council Meeting)
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2nd Floor (Scouts)
- 11/15
- 11/16 10:30 AM: Miller House (WELCA Exec Board. Meeting)
- 11/17
- 11/18 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouting for Food)
8:00 AM: Cinnaminson Diner (Men's Breakfast)
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Piano/Organ Practice)
- 11/19 Communion
- 11/20 **Bethany News Articles are due**
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 11/21 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2nd Floor (Scouts)
7:00 PM: Community Thanksgiving Service (**Christ Church**)
- 11/22
- 11/23 **Thanksgiving**
Office Closed
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- 11/24
- 11/25 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Piano/Organ Practice)
- 11/26 Communion
- 11/27 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 11/28 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2nd Floor (Scouts)
- 11/29
- 11/30



SCOUTING FOR FOOD



Cinnaminson/Palmyra/Riverton "Scouting for Food" Program

Please consider donating non-perishable food items such as:

pasta, rice, boxed macaroni & cheese, canned meat and fish, dried beans, peanut butter, jelly, cereals, pasta sauces, canned fruits & vegetables, soups, baby food, baby cereals, formula, etc.

To help needy families in our community, we will pick up your donation on **Saturday, November 18th**. Please have your donation on your front porch by **8:00 AM**. All Food Donated through the "Scouting for Food" will be given to:

Bread of Life Food Pantry, Epworth United Methodist Church

THANK YOU

For your generous contribution of the **2023 Scouting For Food Drive**.
Your willingness to **SHARE** Shows that you **CARE!**
Thank you from the scouts of Cinnaminson, Palmyra, Riverton.

If you have any questions please call 856-297-3799



Scouting with Unit 9

Based at Bethany Lutheran Church, Palmyra



CUB SCOUTS
Boys & Girls K - 5th grade



SCOUTS BSA
Boys ages 11-18

VENTURING



CREW

Boys and Girls ages 14-20

For more information about Unit 9: packtroopcrew9@gmail.com