



The
Chimes

Bethany Lutheran Church
 Mission Statement
 Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning, and
 Love - We Are God's People.

BISHOP AMY CURRENT IS COMING TO BETHANY

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the
 bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from
 God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Phil. 1:1b-2

The word "bishop" does not appear too often in the Bible, but the presence of bishops for the oversight of churches goes back to the early days of Christianity. The function of a bishop came to be one of authority in teaching, as well as guardian of the church. Up until the 1980s the ELCA called their church leaders president. Since the '80s the ELCA adopted bishop officially as the title for our church leader. I have served under eight different bishops. They have all had their own unique abilities. Some were more pastoral and others more administrative.

At our Synod Assembly in 2019 there was significant emphasis placed on the qualities we were looking for in our next bishop. We were asked to pray fervently for the person who would become our new bishop. I am pleased to report that God answered our prayers in a mighty way when Amy Current was elected as our new bishop. Since meeting her I can say that she is an amazing servant of God. The Almighty helped us to receive this multi-gifted leader to oversee the wellness of our SE Iowa Synod. Amy met with members of the congregation last October by Zoom. The experience was very life-giving. She is going to be with us in person on Sunday, July 10.

I hope we have a good turn-out on July 10 to welcome Bishop Amy. I would like her to see what a great congregation all of you are.



Our Staff

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On behalf of me and my family, I would like to thank Pastor Paul, Cory, and the Bethany women for the beautiful service and the wonderful luncheon. Thank you also to everyone who was able to attend the service and those who were with us in thought. I am sure my mom was smiling big in heaven.

Julie Chubb

GAME DAY IS BACK AT BETHANY

When I first came to Bethany we started a day to have fun together. We are back at Bethany on Thursdays at Noon. We mostly play pinochle. Please join us.

BRIAN PALMER



Brian Palmer is an ELCA/ Missionary serving in Totota, Liberia. We support Brian financially. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway where you can designate a special offer-

ing.

Brian has a variety of duties. He teaches classes at the Gbarnga Seminary and, at times, is asked to teach general educational classes at rural schools. He sends us his newsletter every month or two. I try to include them in the Chimes if I can. If not, they are posted on the bulletin board by the Boy Scout table. I would highly recommend giving them a read.

Brian will be with us on August 14 to deliver the message. It will be a very special Sunday.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER'S GLOBAL FARM CHALLENGE

This summer, youth across the ELCA are participating in ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge, a special fundraising campaign to put an end to hunger by providing farming families around the world with education, seeds, tools, training, and more. This is an important part of Christ's call to our church. Thanks to generous donors, all gifts to this challenge will be matched—dollar for dollar—until we reach \$525,00. That means gifts will go twice as far in the work to end hunger! We are counting on your support and courage to engage your congregation in the work of ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge and to meet our goal. With your dedication, ELCA World Hunger can continue accompanying people who experience hunger and poverty during this time of great need. Please make checks payable to Bethany and mark Global Farm Challenge on the memo line.

STEPHEN MINISTRY OPEN FORUM

Following worship on July 24 there will be an open forum on Stephen Ministry. The topic will be about helpful ways to relate to people suffering from dementia. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.



JULY AND AUGUST ACTIVITIES

The Retired Nurses will not be meeting during the months of July and August. The Boy Scouts meet on Tuesday evenings.



I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you.

John 14:18

THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL IS BACK!

From time to time a company will bring back a product that was popular in an earlier time period. Probably one of the best examples happened in 1985 when Coca-Cola introduced a drink called New Coke that replaced the original flavored Coke. Immediately people began protesting that the New Coke did not come close to the taste of the first Coke. This moved Coca-Cola to bring back the prior beverage, which they now called Classic Coca-Cola. Many of us think they did this on purpose as a gimmick to get more people to try their product. Either way, loyal customers were very happy to get their familiar beverage back.

In a similar way I like to think of Christ's resurrection as Jesus coming back for us. When Jesus was crucified His followers certainly thought they would never see Him again. But Jesus promised that, not only would He be raised from the dead, He also said that He would send a comforter in the Holy Spirit to give us His comfort and support. This is how Jesus comes back for us. He comes to us in the Holy Spirit. We are not left alone. Jesus came back for us because he loves us with an everlasting love..

In 2018 we had our last ice cream social. This had been an annual event that the women of Bethany organized, sponsored, and produced. A tremendous amount of work went into this every year. Following the 2018 social it was decided that future socials would be put on hold. At the time I believe many of us thought we were seeing an end to this exciting summer event. However, in May Julie Wischmeier asked me if we could bring back this great tradition. I responded with a resounding "yes." I felt an overwhelming joy in Julie's request. My excitement increased when I saw an enthusiastic desire from many to bring back our socials.

Julie has graciously accepted the coordinator role as we develop our plans for a successful event. Our next meeting is July 10 after worship. We have a lot of work ahead. We also plan to share the profits with local charities. One thing we can all do is get the word out to as many people as possible. We are planning organized "fun" activities for children.

As I reflect on the joy I felt when first hearing Julie's request, it occurred to me that many of you might have great ideas for Bethany. We have our wonderful firepit that we could use more often. We have lots of room on our property for activities. I hope that all of us will come up with great projects that will promote God and Bethany.

In Christ,

Pastor Paul



July 2022 Lay Leaders

**July Usher: Dan
Wischmeier**

Communion Assistants

3—Susan Swanson; Teresa
Morehead
10—Amy Unglaub; Jessica
King
17—Sue Hermansen; Mike
Hopp
24—Jim and Sharon Martin-
dale
31—Rachel Lindeen; Susan
Swanson

Lector

3—Bill Mundt
10—Sue Hermansen
17—Jessica King
24—Mike Hopp
31—Bob Hoxie

Greeters

3—Lynda Johnson
10—Dan & Ruth Harken
17—Vicki Stoller
24—Sharon Martindale
31—Mark & Bonnie Rosen-
berg

Missionary Support

3—
10—Dan & Ruth Harken
17—
24—
31—

Flowers

3—Sue Hermansen
10—Bill Mundt
17—Julie Wischmeier
24—Vanette Wooldridge &
Marlys McClurg
31—Ginny Mesecher

Altar Guild

Marlys McClurg; Mary Ann
Schleif

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

1—Paul Hermansen; Jim Martin-
dale; John McClure
2—Carol Steenberg; Warren
Tharp
3—Sydney Cox; Savanna Jackson;
Janet Swanson
8—Amy Bloomer; Debbie Hoxie;
Angela Kain; Jackie Marion
9—Todd Morehead
13—Pamela Schwerin; Vanette
Wooldridge
14—Brody Johnson
16—Claus Benninghoven
19—Stephen Reichelt
25—Carol Dodge
26—Jeff Engle
28—Kathy Beach
30—Melissa Hopp; Michelle Hup-
penbauer; Bonnie Rosenberg; Wil-
liam Ward



14—Ginny and Art Mesecher; Dan
and Julie Wischmeier
15—Warren and Elva Schultz
16—Claus and Eleanore Benning-
hoven
19—Christopher and Shelley Wal-
lace
28—Jim and Sharon Martindale

August 2022 Lay Leaders

August Usher:

Communion Assistants

7—Bill Mundt; Julie Wischmeier
14—Teresa Morehead; Todd Chelf
21—Dan Harken; Amy Unglaub
28—Carol Dodge; Mike Hopp

Lector

7—Michelle Huppenbauer
14—Melissa Hopp
21—Rachel Lindeen
28—Mitchell Huston

Greeters

7—Bill Mundt
14—Carol Dodge
21—Ginny Mesecher; Sue Hermansen
28—Dan and Julie Wischmeier

Missionary Support

7—
14—
21—
28—

Flowers

7—Holly Williamson
14—Vicki Stoller
21—Paul and Sue Hermansen
28—Bev Sherbondy

Altar Guild

Marlys McClurg; Kathy Beach; Jackie Marion; Ginny Mesecher

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

3—Bill Taylor
4—Gary Coleman; Jane Ward
5—Joan Dawes
6—Tara Rosenberg; Abbey Timberlake
7—Ron Kastner; Joanne Schwarm
8—Erin Mafra
10—David Roberts
12—Laurenn Beach; Amber Prall; Addison Shepherd
14—Dorothy Hopson; Tim Rumberg; Kamera Staub
15—Randy Tharp
16—Jeffrey Peterson
17—Dean Peterson
18—James Prall; Michael Rogers
20—Nancy Mower
21—Robert Roy
22—Lila Janssen
23—Justin Ward
26—Barbara West
28—Tyler Bloomer; Brenda Kastner; Bailee Morris; R. J. Staub



4—Michael and Megan Rogers
6—Todd and Teresa Morehead
10—John and Michelle Schoof
11—William and Marilyn Ward
15—Thomas Holz and Nancy Robin
21—Paul and Sue Hermansen

Meetings

The meetings for July and August that have been scheduled as of the publishing of this newsletter are listed below. Watch the bulletins for any date and time changes or additional meetings scheduled.

Church Life Committee
Sunday, July 10 (Ice Cream Social)
and August 14, 10:15 a.m.

Property Committee
Monday, July 11 and August 15,
6:30 p.m.

Outreach Committee
Tuesday, July 12 and August 16,
5:30 p.m.

Executive Committee
Tuesday, July 12 and August 16,
6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee
Thursday, August 18, 6:30 p.m.

Church Council
Sunday, July 17 and August 21,
10:15 a.m.

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, July 16 and August 20,
8:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE

The deadline to submit information for the monthly Chimes is the 25th of the month. You're welcome to email your submissions, leave a note on the desk in the office, or call the church office.

ALSO!

Because of Federal Privacy laws, if you or a member of your family are hospitalized and would like the Pastor to visit, you must contact the church and let us know.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

JUNE ATTENDANCE

June 5	55	33 FB**
June 12	50	49 FB
June 19	58	51 FB
June 26	50	35 FB

JUNE GIVING

June 5	\$ 4,819.40
June 12	2,600.33
June 19	2,378.10
June 26	1,471.00
May 29	3,446.62
VANCO Offerings	<u>1,425.00</u>
Total	\$ 16,140.45

**Service watched on Facebook

Your generosity and faithful trust in God

assures us that He provides our needs!

God believes in you and has a great fu-

ture planned for Bethany.

If you change your mailing address, please let the office know ASAP. For every piece of mail returned for an incorrect address, we are charged 75 cents.