



## Bethany Lutheran Church

### Mission Statement

Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning, and Love - We Are God's People.

The  
Chimes

### SERVICE, SUPPER, AND SONG

Lent is often seen as the busiest time of the church year. This is certainly true for 2020. Following Ash Wednesday our first service and soup supper will be on March 4 starting at 6:00 p.m. As always we gather together with our friends from Faith/Trinity. Our service is the Holden Evening Prayer. At the March 4 supper we are inviting people from our greater community to break bread with us as we did on January 21. **We need two more soups to ensure that we have enough food.** On March 11 Faith/Trinity hosts; March 18 has the youth and confirmands cooking and serving; March 25 is Bethany church council; April 1 is Faith/Trinity.

On Friday, March 13, all the Lutheran congregations are co-hosting the Grand View University Choir concert at Messiah at 7:00 p.m. A meal is being provided for the choir and chaperones prior to the concert. We need host homes for choir members to stay overnight that Friday. **Messiah is requesting that Bethany provide 8-9 dozen homemade cookies and bars.** They can be dropped off at Bethany by Noon on Friday. It is always nice for the churches to get together as one. Please mark your calendar today to experience this wonderful program.



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#### Our Staff

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Scott Teater, Custodian



Every year we break bread with our sister congregations, Faith and Trinity. Beginning on March 4 and running through April 1 we will have five Wednesday nights of service and supper here at Bethany. We start at 6:00 p.m. with the Holden Evening Prayer service. Following the service we proceed to the fellowship hall and enjoy delicious homemade soup and any extras that accompany the soup. Mark your calendars now for this traditional blessing.



Joanne Schwarm would like to thank those of the Bethany family who attended Carrol's memorial service. It meant a lot to the family.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We already have the dates for Vacation Bible School this summer. It will be held at Messiah from June 15 through June 19, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Needed are teachers, assistants, kitchen help, and people to help with crafts. If you feel moved to help out with this worthwhile experience, let Carlene Woodside know.

#### AMY CELEBRATES "60" ON MARCH 6

**Amy Unglaub invites everyone to her birthday celebration at Uncle Ronnie's on March 6 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will have appetizers on her; additional food and beverages are on us. See you there.**



#### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 7, as daylight saving time begins.



#### CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

In March we have service and supper on Wednesday nights. Attendance at all of the services is part of the confirmation experience. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

#### CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH UNITED IN PRAYER DAY

Contemplative Outreach is sponsoring a quiet day on March 21, 2020, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Christ Episcopal Church. It will include three 20 minute times in silence together. We will view a video provided for the day by Contemplative Outreach, an international ecumenical organization supporting contemplative prayer. Newcomers are especially welcome! A simple lunch is included. There is no charge but a free will donation would be appreciated.

#### MARCH ACTIVITIES

- The Des Moines County Retired School Personnel will be meeting at Noon on March 2.
- The Retired Nurses will be meeting on March 6 at 9:30 a.m.
- Boy Scout Troop #25 has its regular weekly meetings on Tuesdays.



## MARIAN CHADDOCK BIRTHDAY CAKE—MARCH 8

Marian Chaddock will be reaching the 95 year milestone on March 10. Marian has been a faithful member of Bethany for many years. Jan and Scott will be providing a birthday cake to share on Sunday, March 8, in her honor.

Here at Bethany we have twelve members who are 90 or older. I am amazed at the energy and vitality that our older members have in continuing to be so active at Bethany. What a blessing to share the love of Christ with those who have been receiving Christ's love for so many years.

## GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY CHOIR

Messiah Lutheran Church, Friday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.

The Grand View University Choir will perform at Messiah as part of its eleven day 2020 spring tour. The cornerstone of the tour program is Randall Thompson's magnificent choral cantata, "The Peaceable Kingdom." The composer draws from the book of Isaiah to run the gamut from the destruction and clearing out of all that stands in the way of peace to the breathtaking beauty of the true Peaceable Kingdom. This concert is being co-hosted by the area Lutheran churches. Messiah has requested that Bethany provide 8-9 dozen homemade bars and cookies. There is also a need for housing on that Friday night. If you can host anyone, please contact Pastor Ryan at [pastor@trinity-burlington.org](mailto:pastor@trinity-burlington.org), 319-560-1741, or Pastor Susanne at [messiahpastor@gmail.com](mailto:messiahpastor@gmail.com), 319-754-7591.

Any high school student who is interested in Grand View University is invited to have supper with the choir.



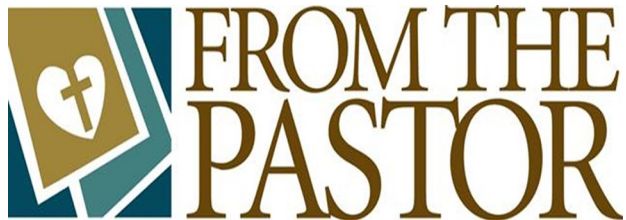
## LUTHERAN SOFTBALL TEAM IS READY TO PLAY THIS SPRING!

The Lutheran Lumber team plays on the Recplex church league Tuesday evenings every spring and summer. Mike Morris is the team manager and he would love to hear that you want to play. Some folks cannot play until school is out and not everyone can come all the time, but it is good fun and you don't have to slide into second unless you really want to. Men and women, boys and girls over 14 are all welcome. Games begin Tuesday, April

28, and runs through July. Contact Mike Morris at [mangler60@aol.com](mailto:mangler60@aol.com) or Mike Hopp at [thehops52601@hotmail.com](mailto:thehops52601@hotmail.com) for more information.

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Did you know that Bethany Lutheran Church offers college scholarships to members? You can be either a full or part time student to qualify for a scholarship. If you are enrolling in college or are already attending and would benefit from receiving a scholarship, please contact Carlene Woodside at 319-750-5373.



A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you. . .

John 13:34

## GROWING AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS IN CHRIST

Recently I saw a story on the internet of what life was like 100 years ago. I am a big fan of history and love to learn how different things were during previous eras. Call it nostalgia, reminiscing, or longing for the “good old days,” we can yearn for the past in the illusion that it was preferable to the present. The truth is that God calls us to fully embrace this current moment.

How the church addresses the world today is what we call “our mission.” Many companies, clubs, organizations, hospitals, and schools have something called a “mission statement.” Bethany’s mission statement appears every Sunday on the first page of our bulletin. “Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning and Love—We are God’s people.” I certainly recognize this as a great mission statement, but when was it written? Does it match today’s world?

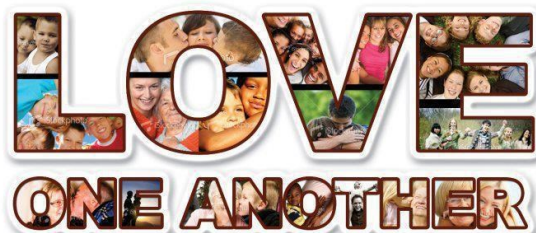
One of the most frequent conversations taking place in the church today is how to reach young people. In order to best answer that question we need to explore what young people are looking for. One of the great desires of young people is to have authentic, meaningful conversation with people of all ages. In the times we are living in it is not unusual for a 20 year old to want to visit with a 90 year old! Shortly before going to the cross Jesus told His disciples, “love one another as I have loved you.” Jesus wishes for His followers to grow authentic, meaning relationships with Him.

Young people today are very smart. Young people today see a lack of authenticity in the relationships people share. Perhaps they have even witnessed a lack of authenticity in the church. In contrast to this disingenuous culture of today, Jesus was totally genuine with everyone. Jesus said that we should love each other with sincerity, honesty, and integrity. This is how Jesus loves us.

Over the past several months I have asked our council to think about our mission statement. Is it time for us to revisit what we currently have in contrast to our world of 2020? What are your thoughts on a mission statement for Bethany? May God direct us in His mission for Bethany.

In Christ,

Pastor Paul



**LOVE** one another, As i have **LOVED** you.  
John 13:34



# March 2020 Lay Leaders

## **Head Usher:**

Bill Taylor

## **March Lead**

**Usher: Dan & Julie  
Wischmeier**

## **Ushers**

1 -  
8 -  
15 -  
22 -  
29

## **Communion Assistants**

1 - Mark Rosenberg; Mike Hopp; Jim Martindale  
8 - Rachel Lindeen; Jessica King; Todd Chelf  
15 - Dan Harken; Mike Hopp; Teresa Morehead  
22 - Julie Chubb; Jeff & Kim Engle  
29— Steve & Sue Rogers; Bill Mundt

## **Children's Sermons**

1 - Mike Hopp  
8 - Todd Chelf  
15 - Bill Mundt  
22 - Steve Rogers  
29—Teresa Morehead

## **Acolytes**

1 - David King  
8 - Aaron Morehead  
15 - Mason Fritz; Eli Wallace  
22 - Jonathan Chelf  
29 - Benjamin Chelf

## **Lector**

1 - Sue Hermansen  
8 - Todd Chelf  
15 - Pam Taylor  
22 - Jeff Engle  
29— Bill Mundt

## **Greeters**

1 - Susanne Adam; Donna Miller  
8 - Marlys McClurg; Vanette Wooldridge  
15 - Dan & Ruth Harken  
22 - Lynda Johnson  
29—Sharon Martindale

## **Missionary Support**

1 -  
8 -  
15 - Bob Sogard  
22 - Carol Dodge  
29

## **Flowers**

1 - Richard & Holly Williamson  
8 -  
15 - Vanette Wooldridge; Marlys McClurg  
22 -  
29 -

## **Altar Guild**

Bonnie Rosenberg; Vanette Wooldridge; Lori Cox; Michelle Cox; Marlys McClurg

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1—Jacob Cox; Ruth Gaudian  
2—Richard House  
3—Flora Specht  
5—Marlene Benninghoven  
6—Amy Unglaub  
7 - Dan Wischmeier  
8—Sterling Tharp  
9—Laurie Chelf; Ron Woodside  
10—Marian Chaddock; Steve Quam  
14 - Rylee Morris; Mike Reichelt  
15 - Robert Shirley  
17—Lori Cox; Darrin Timberlake  
18—Tracy Beal; Doreen Roy  
19—Isaac Morehead  
20 - Tiffany Huppenbauer; Nancy Kern  
24 - Rachel Lindeen; Alexis Oetken; Tony Stanley  
25—Shawn Adam; Robert Etchison  
27—Cameo Mundt  
29 - Joe Engle; Elizabeth Loots; Aaron Morehead  
31—Mike Hopp; Tyler Schramm



13—Steve & Sue Rogers  
16 - Richard & Holly Richardson  
19—Ron & Brenda Kastner  
20—Robert & Doreen Roy  
23—Dan & Ruth Harken  
29—Robert & Julie Etchison

# Meetings

The meetings for March 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.

WELCA  
TBA

Outreach Committee  
Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 p.m.

Finance Committee  
Thursday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.

Church Life Committee  
Monday, March 9, 5:30 p.m.

Property Committee  
Monday, March 9, 6:30 p.m.

Executive Committee  
Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.

Church Council  
Sunday, March 15, 10:15 a.m.

Men's Breakfast  
Saturday, March 21, 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

### FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

February 2	78
February 9	83
February 16	77
February 23	77

### FEBRUARY GIVING

February 2	\$ 2,694.00
February 9	2,112.75
February 16	3,439.25
February 23	<u>2,595.40</u>
Total	<b>\$ 10,841.40</b>



Thank you for your generosity and faithful trust in God to provide your needs! God believes in you and has a great future planned for Bethany.

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