



# Bethany News

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From the Pastor...

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## Dates to Remember:

**April 3**—Wednesday  
night classes resume

**April 7**—Project Linus

**April 12**—Youth Skating

**April 20**—Ladies Brunch

**April 21**—Community Meal

## "The Work Was Finished"

**as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. John 20:7**

**In Bible days when you wanted a fine piece of furniture made, you picked someone with a reputation for excellence – a master carpenter or a finish carpenter. But these carpenters had an interesting custom. When a carpenter completed a job, he took off his apron, folded it up, and set it on his finished work, signifying the job was complete. With that picture in mind, read this:**

**'Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved....Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed – for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead' (John 20:1-9).**

**Note the words 'the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up'. The master carpenter had finished the job. Our salvation was complete. You don't have to work to be saved, you only have to put your trust in Christ, and your sins are forgiven and your place in heaven assured.**

## PRAYER

**Heavenly Father, thank You for a job finished – COMPLETED! In Jesus' Name, Amen**

## **Who's Who at Bethany Lutheran**

### **STAFF**

Rev. Rod Krueger-Pastor

Amy Stingle-Secretary

Jessica Stingle-Lay Leader Family and Youth Ministry

Gary Holcomb-Custodian

Betty Hoover-Organist

Roxanne Megna-Organist/Contemporary Band leader

### **ELDERS**

Mike Baarts, Bob Koehler, Wayne Owen, Joe Kamien,

Scott Schupbach, Ryan Petersen, Steve Schnuelle

### **COUNCIL LEADERS**

Bob Koehler-President

Jonathan Woods-Vice President

**\*\*Vacant-Properties**

Mike Baarts-Elders

Gary Holcomb-Finance

Amy Stingle-Evangelism

Cheri Rietveld-Secretary

Jessica Stingle-Family Ministry

Whatever your  
hand finds to do,  
do it with all your might,  
for in the realm of the dead,  
where you are going,  
there is neither working  
nor planning nor knowledge  
nor wisdom.

-Ecclesiastes 9:10

## A Message from Our President– Bob Koehler



### Presidents Message

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

Sometimes being our Church President leaves me no choice but to gloat. As I look around this month, I see constant acts of selfish service to Jesus’s church here on earth and the people our membership touches. I came across this passage in Thessalonians and could not help but write about our tireless members serving one another.

More impressive still, is the countless teachers and leaders that gift our congregation. Both youth and adult teachers. Not that Pastor Rod isn’t a gift from God, but we are blessed with other members that help teach all ages about Jesus’s love for us and his command to share that love with others. Still other members joyfully work behind the scenes, caring for our building and all the technologies we have to spread the word of Jesus Christ. Still others spend valuable time making gifts for those in need.

When I became president, I was not fully prepared for all the things required to make our church God’s House. Our blessed members make it easy for me to boldly claim Bethany Lutheran Church, is, God’s House.

In closing, thank you for being a part of our congregation here at Bethany, as well as those who go above and beyond, speaking and acting as God’s Chosen people.

May Your Easter Season be filled with Jesus’s Blessing, Mercy, Grace and Peace. May you also experience it throughout the year.

Bob Koehler, Bethany Counsel President



### A note from our new vice president:

Because I am relatively new at Bethany and have stepped forward to serve as our vice president, I thought I should introduce myself to those of you I have not yet met.

My name is Jonathan Woods and my wife, Lisa, and I joined Bethany last year, transferring our membership from Good Shepherd by the Lake in Stoughton, WI; where I had previously served in several roles including president and vice president, and maintained our network and computers for 20+ years. We have returned to the Fox River Valley, after a nearly 50-year absence, to be closer to family.

I am a Navy veteran and retired electrical engineer, having worked for GE Healthcare in Madison for 34½ years, designing anesthesia machines and critical care ventilators before retiring in 2017. I am still active at the hobby level.

In addition to serving as our vice president I have also volunteered to coordinate, maintain, and act as first responder for our technology, within my expertise – I’m not good with phone apps and don’t do X (formerly Twitter) or Facebook.

I believe my role should be to serve in support of our ministry. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

Jonathan

## April Birthdays

Leo Dodge	April 01	Roni Hanagan	April 14
Carol Garcia	April 02	Matthew Jorgensen	April 14
Cheryl Rietveld	April 03	Robert Koehler	April 14
Mary Sweetalla	April 04	Dennis Riemer	April 14
Emily Piette	April 06	Brian Sanderfoot	April 15
Riley Sweetalla	April 06	Christopher Jr. Busse	April 16
Levi Buman	April 07	Gabriel Rose	April 17
Joshua Fuss	April 07	Neil Woelfel	April 17
Bill Jorgensen	April 07	Stacy Anderson	April 20
Elijah Karle	April 07	Olivia Starr	April 20
Leslie Ruen	April 07	Brock Kleinke	April 22
Zachary Burich	April 09	Xander Verboomen	April 22
Carla Kobs	April 09	Richard Pomeroy	April 23
Randall Fuss	April 10	Shirley Bayorgeon	April 24
Holly Hoffman	April 10	John Long	April 25
Sue Rasmussen	April 10	Nolan Woelfel	April 25
Angela Britzke	April 11	Michael Schalow	April 26
Jane Jokipii	April 11	Sharon Van Domelen	April 26
Gary Riemer	April 12	Jane Jahnke	April 28
		James Smith	April 30



## April Anniversaries

Mario and Carol Garcia	April 6
John and Shirley Van Den Heuvel	April 8
Joseph and Sharon Van Domelen	April 8
Lonnie and Debra Hansen	April 9
Patrick and Stacy Karle	April 21
Dave and Cynthia Niesen	April 21
Bernie and Nancy Vander Steen	April 23
Steven and Nora Klepps	April 25
Jaye and Krista Alf	April 27
Gordon and Mary Anderson	April 27

## Elder Schedule

Thursday, 6:30PM, April 4, 11, 18, 25—Steve Schnuelle

Sunday, 7:45AM, April 7, 14, 21, 28—Joe Kamien

Sunday, 10AM, April 7, 14, 21, 28—Scot Schupbach

Sunday, 10AM, April 7 and 21—Mike Baarts

Bethany Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
Thursday, February 15, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Pastor Rod Krueger, Bob Koehler, Mike Baarts, Amy Stingle, Gary Holcomb, and Cheri Rietveld.

PRAYER: Pastor Rod opened with prayer.

JANUARY MINUTES: Amy made a motion to accept the January minutes, Mike seconded the motion, motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

Elders: Mike Baarts reported that attendance for January had decreased 29 ½ % verses January 2023 and for the fiscal year, November through January, attendance increased 1.2%; An Elder was assigned to oversee the Automated External Defibrillator for a year, checking that it is working properly. Mike notified the local EMS that we have installed and have a working AED; The Elders put together a program called, "The Red Letter Challenge". It's a 6-week study on the words Jesus spoke while on earth. The study is for everyone in the congregation, looking for 50 people and 8 leaders. There will be multiple classes and times. The cost of the materials will be about \$1,100 and will start April 7th. There will be a sign-up sheet on the information table.

Church Properties: Bob reported from the church properties meeting, that he contacted Central Temp and the quote from last November, did not include changes to the area next to the Youth room upstairs, plans and design fees and seal roof curbs. The committee made a motion to except Central Temp's quote and other costs not to exceed \$75,000.00, with unanimous approval; As of June 1st, the city of Kaukauna will no longer pick up trash, and got a quote from GFL of \$84.00 a month to provide both recycling and trash, 2 yd. locking recycling dumpster and 2 yd. locking trash dumpster; Properties committee recommends getting a quote and information for new tables and chairs from a memorial given to Bethany for chairs; The baseboard heat is not operating in two different locations, properties will check unto it.

Finance: Gary reported:

Financial summary of January 2024 and YTD at Bethany Lutheran.

January 2024:

Actual Offerings:	Actual Expenses:	Difference:
\$22,131.55	\$19,984.06	\$2,147.49

YTD January 2024

Budgeted Offerings:	Actual Offerings:	Difference:
\$21,618.83	\$22,131.55	\$512.72

Budgeted Expenses:	Actual Expenses:	Difference: (Actual revenue/actual expenses)
\$21,618.83	\$19,984.06	\$2,147.49

Evangelism: Amy reported that 19 women attended the Ladies Brunch in February. The next 'Ladies Brunch' will be March 16th at Jexi's; Family Ministry took over the Puppet Ministry; We no longer put \$20.00 gift cards in the Good Samaritan bags.

CALLED STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor's Report: Pastor Rod reported that he is in the middle of the sermon series on Colossians and the Lenten series, 'You meant it for evil but God meant it for good' will go through Holy Week; There was one baptism in February; We served about 50 at our Community meal in January and our February community meal will be combined with our Chili Cook-off. We will have a meal in March and April, no meal in May, a meal in June, no meal in July and August

and start back with the community meals in September; Wednesday of Holy Week there will be a Seder meal, a Maundy Thursday service, two services on Good Friday and three services on Easter Sunday and Easter Breakfast; Pastor reported that we have 15 shut-ins being visited.

Family Ministry: Jessica reported that the youth went bowling in February; We will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on March 23rd; VBS is planned for July 15-19th; We did a calendar of events through the summer.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Voters meeting date, Air conditioning: With the cost of replacing the air conditioning, a voter's meeting will be held on March 10th at 11:00.

Memorial Gifts: Gary presented that fact that we have a lot of memorials designated for a specific gift that have been around for a while. He presented a hand-out of all the different memorial gifts. After discussion, Amy made a motion to spend the money for the air conditioning from (A) the Air Conditioning fund, (B) undesignated memorials, (C) 2023 surplus, (D) Thrivent Choice dollars, Mike seconded the motion, motion carried.

Monthly "Thank You": Our monthly 'Thank You' goes to Barb Dishno, Kristine and Shayne Whittman for the beautiful cards they made for our shut-ins. Bethany is very grateful for their kindness and generosity, sharing their God given talents with others.

March Meeting: March Council meeting will be March 14th, Thursday at 6:30.

Closing Prayer: The Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Cheri Rietveld



#### 2024 Chili Cookoff Winners!

(1st) Linda Frederick

(2nd) Mark Specht

(3rd) Pastor Rod



Congratulations!



# ***What's Happening at Bethany***



**Community Meal** Our next Community Meal is Sunday, April 21, from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. We will be serving tacos and all the fixings! We will serve drinks and desserts as well. Everyone is welcome!

**Prayer Shawl** meets April 16th at 12PM

**Attention Quilters!!** Quilters meet the first and third Monday of the month at 1:00PM. New members are more than welcome to join us! Contact Joyce at 920-766-1273 if you have any questions.

**Project Linus is coming April 7th** right after the late service. There is a signup sheet on the counter and everyone is invited. If you can tie, you can help make a blanket for a child in need. We will accept donations of Polar Fleece in 1 1/2 yard increments. Please no 'baby' prints as they have enough of those. Gender neutral or boys are needed. A light lunch will be served.

**Red Letter Challenge** starts the week of April 7th. Everyone is welcome! If interested, please see Pastor or an Elder.

**Attention Ladies:** Our monthly 'Ladies Brunch' will be Saturday March 16th, 10:00 at Jexi's. Sign up sheet is on the counter!

**The Kaukauna Farmer's Market has changed it's day and times!** It is now being held on Wednesdays, from 4:30 to 8:30PM, June 5 through August 28 and then from 4:30PM to 7PM, September 4 through September 25. We are looking for someone who will commit to setting up for Bethany and 'working' the table as a representative of Bethany. Not all dates are needed to be filled! An option would be once a month! Bethany provides the table and all the information needed for this event. If this is something that would interest you, please see Pastor or the office.

**It is getting to be that time again!! VBS prep is underway!** To assist with our preparations, we will include a list from time to time of materials needed to create the fun decorations for the event! Right now, we are looking for: *Spray Foam*, *bright spray paint colors* (think purples, greens, blues, pinks and oranges), *wire hangers* or any kind of wire that can be used to hold the spray foam in place. Thank you for your assistance in making our VBS week special for the kids who attend! VBS is July 15-19. Watch for more information!

**Regarding the Pictorial Directory** We are in some of the final stages of the pictorial directory. As previous directories, we will have a section in the back with all members listed. This information would include names (parents and children in same household), addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and street addresses. If you do NOT want this information listed in the directory, please call the church office so we can omit it. Please be specific as to what you do not want listed.

## **Looking for ways to help at Bethany?**

**Greeters/Talkers needed!** Family units welcome. Questions to Elder, Mike Baarts, [mikebaar@icloud.com](mailto:mikebaar@icloud.com) (262)995-4956.

**Helping Hands Group:** To be part of this group, please contact the church office and let them know your telephone number and email address. If you would like to talk to someone about this ministry, you can contact Keith Petersen, Mel Tolliver, or Bob Wendt.

**Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry** The suggested donation items for April: Aluminum foil, body wash, cake mix and frosting, canned mushrooms. The collection box is located at the bottom of the balcony stairs. Thank you for your generosity.

**Bethany is looking for:** a Director of Church Properties and people to be trained on the video taping of the late service! Please consider one of these positions.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We no longer take stamps, old glasses, ink cartridges or Campbell soup labels. Donations can be a big help for our church. If you have anything you wish to donate: items for the kitchen, books, things that you think another member might be able to use, please drop them off at the office. If the office is closed, just leave by the door. Your attention to this is greatly appreciated.

**PLEASE NOTE** We no longer take the following: stamps, old glasses, ink cartridges or Campbells soup labels. Please take all donations to the church office. Do not place in drawers of the Narthex. Thanks for understanding!



**Prayer Chain** Did you know that Bethany has a Prayer Chain? If you have need for prayers or know someone that could use a special prayer, please email Jane Stenz and she will add you to those prayers. We would need the name of the individual (this does not need to be their full name, it could just be a first name), the reason why we are praying for them and your name as the person requesting the prayer. This is needed to occasionally check with you to see if their need has been resolved and they should stay on the prayer chain. Jane's email is [jane.stenz@icloud.com](mailto:jane.stenz@icloud.com)





## Easter Flowers 2024

### To the Glory of God

#### From

Barb Dishno, Bruce & Linda Frederick, Dennis & Jackie Pederson, Marilyn Riemer, Jonathan & Lisa Woods

#### From: In Memory of:

Wilma Allwardt

Kenneth & Richard Allwardt

Gordy & Mary Ann Anderson

Norval & Jennie Anderson, Doris Johnson, Al & Ann Van Lith

Pat & Shirley Bayorgeon, Lois Pahl

Len & Elaine Jones

Joan Borg & family

Dennis Borg, Borg family and Petersen family

Marvin Braun

Amy Braun

Sharijoy Busse

Foster Jr, Caleb, Bella Busse; Foster & Rosemary Busse; Harry & Alice Spietz

Norbert Fuhrman & Erika Altmann

Irene Fuhrman & Karl Altmann

Jeff & Julie Gerrits

Brian, Ted, Leo & Lillian Gerrits

LaVonne & Janis Hohn

Roger Hohn

Bill & Sue Jorgensen

Jorgensen & Malueg Families

Jane Kleinschmidt

Raymond & Ruth Kleinschmidt

Richard Pomeroy

Sam & Irene, Clifford & Nancy, Irvin (Sonny) Pomeroy; Elaine & Len Else;  
Shirley & Dick Longsine

Jean St. Arnold, Nancy & Les Ruen

Ruen & St Arnold families

Stenz, Stingle, & Van Domelen families

John & Delores Wald, John W (Butch) Wald

Joel & Mary Sweetalla and family

Delvin & Bernice Sweetalla; James, Mary, Richard,  
& Donald Stein

Phyllis Toonen

Robert (Bob) Toonen

Bob & Barb Wendt

Bud & Lois Wendt, Jerome Uitenbroek, Tim Wendt

Joyce Wilz

Leo Wilz



# Family Ministry News – April 2024

## What's New in Family Ministry?

Holy Week has come and gone. I pray that you all enjoyed your Easter.

March was a slower month for our youth as I went on vacation with my family. I appreciate everyone who stepped up to fill my shoes while I was in Florida. Thank you to my teachers who took on creating lessons. Thank you to my youth who stepped up with Sunday School openings. Thank you to our congregation who prepped during my absence for the Easter Egg hunt. We have an amazing church family, and I am so grateful for each and every one of you!

The big event that we had in March was our Community Easter Egg Hunt that we held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had 91 people from our congregation as well as the community join us. We hid 1,400 Easter eggs, and despite the snow, the kids all did an amazing job finding almost all of them! I have a feeling I will find a few more when the snow melts in the near future. ☺

Our Sunday School children also sang in church on Palm Sunday. Although we changed things up a bit and were in the midst of Spring Break for some schools, the kids who were able to join us did absolutely amazing! Thank you to everyone in church that day who sang with our kids and enjoyed the change up as well!

Coming up in April, we will be welcoming our Wednesday night classes back on the 3<sup>rd</sup>! We also are heading to Skate City during the open skate night on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. If your youth is joining us, but hasn't signed up yet, make sure you fill out the Google Form as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly.

As always, if you ever have questions or concerns, please let me know!

Blessings to you and your family!

-Jessica Stingle



## Important Upcoming Dates:

**April 3** – Wednesday Night Classes Resume

**April 12** – Youth Skating at Skate City from 6-9pm

**April 7** – Project Linus

**May 1** – VBS Registration Opens

**May 7** – VBS Volunteer Informational Meeting

**May 12** – Sunday School Kids Sing During 10am Service

**Note:** *Sunday School is held every Sunday from 9am-9:50am.*

*Wednesday Night classes are held every Wednesday from 6:15-7:30pm.*



## This Month's Bible Verse:

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”— Romans

15:13

## This Month's Good Deed:

Spring is in the air! Find a piece of winter clothing that you didn't wear all season and donate it to a charity.

# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 1PM Bethany Quilters 6:30PM Men of	<b>2</b> 10AM Bible Study with Pastor	<b>3</b> Midweek Classes & Adult Bible Class 6:15- 7:30PM	<b>4</b> 6:30PM Worship- Holy Communion	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 7:45AM & 10AM Worship–Holy Communion 9AM Sunday School and Bible Study PROJECT LINUS 11AM-1PM	<b>8</b> 6:30PM Men of Bethany	<b>9</b> 10AM Bible Study with Pastor	<b>10</b> Midweek Classes & Adult Bible Study 6:15-7:30PM	<b>11</b> 6:30PM Worship	<b>12</b> Youth Skating	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b> 7:45AM & 10AM Worship-Holy Communion 9AM Sunday School and Bible Study Community Meal 11:30- 12:30	<b>22</b> 6:30PM Men of Bethany	<b>23</b> 10AM Bible Study with Pastor	<b>24</b> Midweek Classes & Adult Bible Study 6:15-7:30PM	<b>25</b> 5:30– Ladies for Bethany 6:30PM Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 7:45AM and 10AM Worship	<b>29</b> 6:30PM Men of Bethany	<b>30</b> 10AM Bible Study with Pastor				

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community to grow closer to  
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self, It's Thinking of  
Yourself Less. -C.S.  
Lewis**



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