



Bethany News

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Dates to Remember:

Maundy Thursday, March 28

6:30 Service

Good Friday, March 29 1PM

And 6:30PM Services

Easter Sunday Services at

6:30AM, 7:45AM and 10AM

From the Pastor....

Join us in the challenge!

The Red-Letter Challenge that is.

Perhaps you have heard of some of the challenges that have become part of the Social Media landscape. In 2014, there was the Ice bucket challenge, and in 2018 the Tide pod challenge. After those came the gallon smash challenge and the fire challenge. My purpose in writing this is not to encourage you to participate in such social media challenges. In fact, I would urge you not to attempt any of them. I am, however, writing to encourage you to participate in the **Red-Letter Challenge** at Bethany. The Red-Letter Challenge is a book written by one of our LCMS Pastors, Zach Zehnder that focuses on some of the words of Jesus in the four Gospels.

If you participate in the Red-Letter Challenge at Bethany, you will spend six-weeks reading and studying the Words of Jesus. In addition, you will be challenged each week to put into practice Jesus' words in your daily life. Each week you will also meet with other members of Bethany for a small group discussion (6-8 people). You'll have a small group leader with a discussion guide to help in the weekly conversation.

Below is a brief outline of the Red-Letter Challenge:

Week 1: Introduction to the Five Principles

Week 2: Week of Being (with Jesus)

Week 3: Week of Forgiving

Week 4: Week of Serving

Week 5: Week of Giving

Week 6: Week of Going

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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

****Vacant-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

From the Pastor ... continued from Page 1

Small Groups will begin the week of Sunday, April 7th. If you would like to participate in the challenge you can sign up at the information counter here at Bethany. When you sign-up [lease indicate when you would prefer to meet with your small group on a Weekday (AM or PM) or on the Weekend (AM or PM). **We are also looking for members who would be willing to serve as small group leaders. There is a spot on the sign-up sheet to indicate that you would be willing to lead a small group.** Consider being a part of the challenge with us in April. If you have questions, please speak with me, or one of the Elders.

God's Richest Blessings,
Pastor Rod

A Message from Our President– Bob Koehler

Presidents Message

Biblical proof that Mom Knew best. Dessert made not for you, but for Church. Growing up on a Farm in Central Wisconsin, my mom was the best cook. Her specialty was a pan of Bars, Pies, Cakes and Cookies. You know, Dessert. We would come in hungry for the meal and would smell the dessert. Exciting. We would wash up, come into the kitchen with anticipation, only to be told, "Those are for Church." Depressing.

Bethany Lutheran, like my church growing up, serves one another wonderfully. Not only great food but I hear of our members providing great help. I feel all done with Love and I am proud that we have Community meals, Lenten Dinners, food pantries, and "Cook Offs." Additionally, we help one another. The bible offers Jesus words as to the benefits we receive from providing and serving one another. May God Bless you as we serve one another and therefore serve him.

"When the son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on the left.

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothed you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go visit you?'

The king will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25: 34-40.

Bob Koehler, Bethany Counsel President

March Birthdays

Joseph Malsavage	March 02
Joyce Diedrich	March 03
Kinley Hennig	March 03
Matthew Robinson	March 03
James Laatsch	March 07
Eve Prodoehl	March 07
Keith Mitchell	March 08
Sophia Carter	March 09
Amanda Wood	March 09
Lindsay Lamers	March 10
Reed Gerdman	March 11
Amy Thiel	March 12
Jackson Anders	March 13
Shawn Koehler	March 13
Thomas Lemke	March 13
Nancy Owen	March 14
Madalyn Hennig	March 15
Jane Kleinschmidt	March 16
Marilyn Riemer	March 16



Sean Borg	March 17
CJ Carter	March 17
Arthur Look	March 18
Michelle Boeder	March 19
Sharon Van Stiphout	March 19
Wilma Allwardt	March 21
Betty Hoover	March 22
Dorothy Jodarski	March 22
Melody Bodde	March 23
Nancy Vander Steen	March 24
Raymond DeGoey	March 25
Jennifer Woelfel	March 25
Beth Specht	March 26
Patricia Kohne	March 27
Nancy Ruen	March 27
Nathan Hennig	March 28
LaVonne Hohn	March 29
Karen Kersten	March 30
Amos Vanden Heuvel	March 30

March Anniversaries

Jeff and Patricia Gerdman	March 06
Douglas and Mary Viegut	March 08
Christopher and Carla Busse	March 15
Keith and Linda Petersen	March 16
Michael and Karen Clancy	March 17



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Elder Schedule

Wednesday, 11AM, March 6, 13, 20 —Joe Kamien

Wednesday, 6:30PM, March 6,13,20—Mike Baarts

Sunday, 7:45AM, March 3, 10, 17, 24—Joe Kamien

Sunday, 10AM, 3, 10, 17, 24— Ryan Petersen

Maundy Thursday, 6:30PM, March 28 — Bob Koehler

Good Friday, March 29, 1PM—Mike Baarts

6:30PM—Scott Schupbach

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31—6:30AM—Joe Kamien

7:45AM—Joe Kamien

10AM—Ryan Petersen

What's Happening at Bethany

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, March 10th, after the late service. We will be discussing the purchase of the air conditioner. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Easter Egg Hunt: Bethany will again be holding the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, on March 23, 2024, at 11AM. This year we will be having additional activities for the children that attend! We are again asking for candy donations to stuff the Easter eggs. If you are interested in donating, there is a box by the church office. We will be filling Easter eggs on Tuesday, March 19. Anyone is invited to join us at 6PM. A light meal will be provided. If they do not all get filled on the 19th, we will use Thursday, March 21st at 5PM as a backup day. Keep your eye out for more information regarding this event.

Bethany 101: New Member Class : Pastor is holding a new member class and you can still join! The class is on Sunday mornings, 9:00-9:45AM in the Martha classroom in the basement. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Rod.

Do you have a child that would like to go to camp? It's hard to think of camp when the temperatures are so chilly! But we have brochures for Camp Luther! Please feel free to grab one and check them out! They are located on the signup counter, the greeter counter and by the youth bulletin board!

Ladies for Bethany are collecting Mite Boxes! Please bring your filled Mite boxes to the church office by March 31st. You can pick up a replacement box from the Signup Counter. Thanks for your support of this mission. Any questions, please contact Jane Stenz (920) 788-3009.

Winter seems to officially be here! That means there are a few changes that come with it for our Little Free Pantry. Unfortunately, canned foods and foods with liquid can go bad when they freeze. Eventually, we will need to bring those items inside the church. That will make the "self-serve" option limited. I would love to have our pantry still full. The pantry need list has been updated to only include things that can freeze and still be used. The assistance of our congregation is always appreciated! An updated list is on the sign-up counter.

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.

Quilting Request! The Bethany Quilt Ladies are in need of fabric. If you could help out with that, it would be greatly appreciated. Do you have a sewing machine? They are also looking for anyone who is interested in taking squares home and sewing them together! If you could help with either of these, please let Joyce Schmoeker know!

Passover (Seder) Celebration

Wednesday, March 27th at 6:00 – 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

Please join us for Passover. We will see how Jesus celebrated Passover with His disciples. We will see how Jesus used unleavened bread and wine of the Passover to become His body and blood in Holy Communion. As we celebrate the Passover, we will sample foods eaten during a traditional Jewish Passover. A modern Passover involves a meal. For our Passover, we will have a potluck.

All are invited! Please sign up by March 17th since we will need a head count in order to have enough food and place settings. Those attending are asked to bring a part of the food or other items used in the Passover (easy items). This can be done when signing up. For the potluck, please bring a traditional Jewish Passover food. As a guide, dishes made with fruits and most vegetables are ok. Meat dishes with beef, chicken, turkey, and fish are ok (no pork). Desserts such as coconut macaroons, pies, and cakes are ok as long as they are not made with yeast, baking power, or baking soda. The following websites will give you recipe ideas. This is just a few of the many sites available if one searches for Passover recipes.

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/topics/passover-recipes.html>

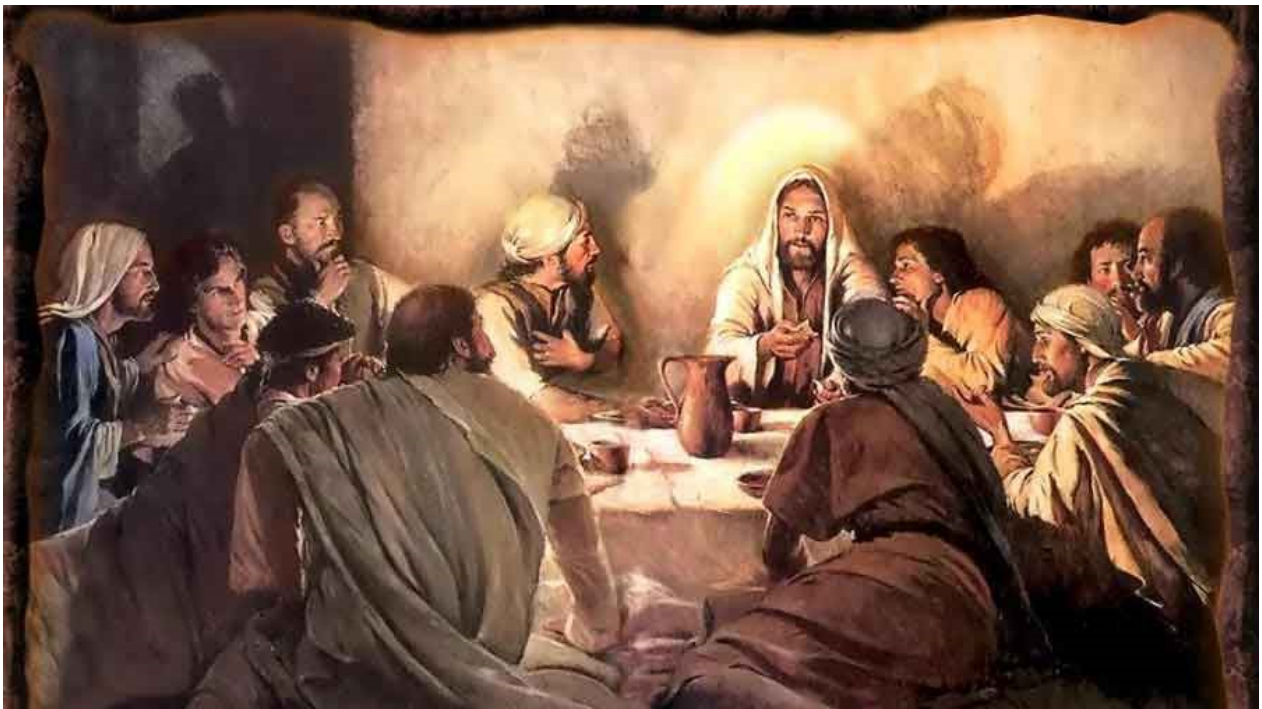
<http://homecooking.about.com/library/archive/blholiday3.htm>

<http://allrecipes.com/recipes/985/holidays-and-events/passover/seder/>

http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/856603/jewish/Passover-Recipes.htm

<http://www.marthastewart.com/274198/passover-recipes>

Sign up sheets will be located at the church's fellowship counter. If you have questions, please call Mel (919-632-7210) or Anna (919-233-8043) Tolliver.



Prayer Shawl Meeting: We will NOT be meeting in March

PLEASE NOTE We no longer take the following: stamps, old glasses, ink cartridges or Campbells soup labels.

Looking for ways to help at Bethany?

Greeters/Talkers needed! Family units welcome. Questions to Elder, Mike Baarts, 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 March: Dish detergent, Downey, Honey, Coffee and Creamer. 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.

Easter Flowers: Flowers will again decorate the church for Easter. Donations for flowers may be given in memory of someone or simply in gratitude to God for blessings received. If you'd like to contribute, use an envelope marked 'Easter Flowers' and place it in the offering plate or mail to Barb Dishno, 3125 Crooks Ave. Kaukauna, 54130. Make checks payable to Bethany Altar Guild. Forms received by March 20th will be included in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Dishno, 920-851-1598.

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.

Attention Ladies: Our monthly 'Ladies Brunch' will be Saturday March 16th, 10:00 at Jexi's. We would like you to join us for good food and fellowship!

Bethany Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

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

PRAYER: Pastor Rod opened with prayer.

OCTOBER MINUTES: Amy made a motion to accept the October minutes, Mike seconded the motion, motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS:

Elders: On December 5, the AEDs were installed. Mike is going to find someone to do the periodic check that the state requires of the supplies and power. He will also let the Kaukauna Fire Department know that we have an AED in the house. November attendance was down 2.9% from last year; however, December's attendance was up 23%. Alleluia church has requested our attendance numbers, and he will share that with them. The Elders will be putting together a Red-Letter challenge starting around April 7th for the congregation to join.

Church Properties: We are still looking for a director for church properties.

Finance: Gary reported:

Financial summary of December 2023 and 2023 Year to Date at Bethany Lutheran

December 2023 Actual Offerings: \$23, 338.43

December 2023 Actual Expenses: \$15,923.79

December 2023 Difference: \$ 7,414.64

Year to Date December 2023

Budgeted Offerings: \$244,446.00

Actual Offerings: \$248,659.27

Difference: \$ 4,213.27

Year to Date December 2023

Budgeted Expenses: \$244,452.00

Actual Expenses: \$210,353.45

Difference: Actual year to date offerings minus actual year to date expenses: \$38,305.82

Evangelism: Amy reported that there is a Ladies Brunch on January 27, 10AM, at Jexi's. February 18 is the Community Meal and the Men's Chili Cook-off. Project Linus will be held on April 7. The church outdoor service and picnic will be July 14. The team also got the okay to look into replacement for the tables and chairs in the Fellowship Hall and having an island built for the serving area by the kitchen.

CALLED STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor's Report: Pastor Rod had one wedding in December. On Sunday morning they are studying Colossians. The next Community Meal is January 21 and there will be pulled turkey and pulled pork sandwiches and soup. In February there he will present Bibles to children in the congregation, there is one baptism scheduled, and a puppet skit. There will be a check sent to Pastor Shilling.

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Family Ministry: Jessica reported that Children's Workshop went well despite the poor weather and sicknesses. They are considering holding it more often. The Christmas Program went very well with a lot of positive feedback from the congregation. There were five students added to the Sunday School program. The painting event went well with 12 people attending. VBS is ordered, Bibles were ordered, and she will be having a parent meeting on January 17th to discuss upcoming events and expectations. She is planning a bowling event for February 10th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pictorial Directory Update: Jane Stenz is still working on the directory.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob is working on the quotes for the new air conditioners.

We are working on our current 'building use' plan.

Monthly "Thank You": Our monthly 'Thank You' goes to Jane Stenz for her work on the Pictorial Directory. Bethany is very grateful she stepped up for this lengthy process.

Closing Prayer: Bob closed the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by Amy Stingle

Gabriel Rose, Kayden Hammons and
Lydia Woelfel received their Bibles at the
February 11 service.

God's Blessing to you!!



Youth Bowling Event

Saturday, February 10



Isa Chico, Raya Reyes-Stingle, Charley Van Veghel, Lily Petersen, Sadie Petersen and Amara Nett-Stingle



Trevor Bruegge, Pastor Rod, Gabriel Rose, Eli Petersen and Dominic Van Veghel

Family Ministry News – March 2024

What's New in Family Ministry?

I hope everyone is having a wonderful start to their 2024. We are already on our 3rd month! Where has time gone?

In February, we held our bowling event on the 10th. We had 11 bowlers join us! It was a wonderful event!

Coming up in March, we will be in the season of Lent. As a reminder, our Wednesday night education classes have Lent off from classes. During this time we hold a Lenten dinner every Wednesday and there is our Lent Church Services at 6:30 pm. Come join us as we observe the steps leading up to the cross.

At the time this newsletter is being written, our Family Ministry team has not met to discuss future events. Make sure you are keeping an eye on the announcements in the future weeks! We look forward to another eventful spring/summer with our church family!

The main thing I want to mention this month is that we are currently in our planning stages of VBS. We have Scuba VBS coming to Bethany Lutheran on July 15-19th. To prepare for this, please keep your eye on announcements for materials we need for décor as well as supplies needed for the children attending VBS this year. Registration for VBS (Both student and volunteer) will open on May 1st! Make sure you mark your calendars!

Blessings to you and your family!

-Jessica Stingle



Important Upcoming Dates:

February 14-March 27 – No Wednesday Classes, Classes Resume April 3rd

March 24 – Sunday School Easter Celebration and Kids Sing During 10am Service

March 31 – No Sunday School

April 7 – Project Linus

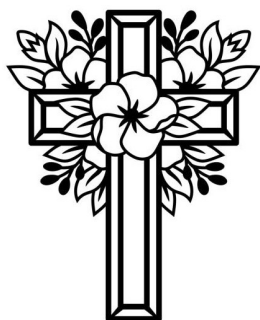
May 1 – VBS Registration Opens

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 Good Deed:

Acknowledge someone's accomplishment. We all have them. Whether big or small, let someone know they are doing good!



This Month's Bible Verse:

"Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken."– Psalm 62:2

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 7:45AM & 10AM Wor- ship—Holy Communion 9AM Sunday School and Bible Study	4 6:30PM Men of Bethany 1PM Bethany Quilters	5 10AM Bible Study with Pastor	6 11AM and 6:30PM Worship Service No Mid- week Classes or Adult Bible Class	7	8	9
10 7:45AM & 10AM Worship 9AM Sunday School and Bible Study Congregational Meeting 11AM	11 6:30PM Men of Bethany	12 10AM Bible Study with Pastor 6:15PM Elders Mtg.	13 11AM and 6:30PM Worship Holy Communion No Midweek Classes or Adult Bible Study	14 6:30PM Council Meeting	15	16
17 7:45AM & 10AMWorship -Holy Communion 9AM Sunday School and Bible Study Community Meal 11:30-12:30PM	18 6:30PM Men of Bethany 1PM Bethany Quilters	19 10AM Bible Study with Pastor	20 11AM and 6:30PM Worship Service No Midweek Classes or Adult Bible Study	21	22	23 Community Easter Egg Hunt 11AM
24 7:45AM & 10AMWorship 9AM Sunday School and Bible Study	25 6:30PM Men of Bethany	26 10AM Bible Study with Pastor	27	28 5:30– Ladies for Bethany 6:30PM Worship Service—Maundy Thursday	29 Good Friday 1PM and 6:30PM	30
31 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30AM, 7:45AM and 10AM NO SUNDAY SCHOOL						

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Return Service Requested

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:19-21

