

WORSHIP BULLETIN PENTECOST 24 – NOVEMBER 19, 2017

*Please take this bulletin home with you ... as a reference for this week's calendar of events,
a reminder of Bethany family and friends to keep in your prayers and other useful information.*

Prelude: *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* - Mark Hayes

Gathering Hymn: *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* ELW #693

First Reading

Psalm Chanting led by Stephen Baker

Second Reading

Gospel

Sermon Pastor Jen Henry

Hymn of the Day: *"Praise and Thanksgiving"* ELW #689

Children's Message and Cradle Roll Milestone Katie Hare

Offering: *"Now Thank We All Our God"* - Mark Hayes

Communion Hymn: *"The Church's One Foundation"* ELW #654

Sending Hymn: *"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"* ELW #694

Postlude: *"Rock-a My Soul"* - Faber & Faber (Hannah Blume 8:30)
"Simple Gifts" - Mark Hayes (11:00)

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome everyone to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship service. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex. Everyone please sign the fellowship pad in your pew. The pads have a space for our record of communion. Please be sure to mark this if you partake in Holy Communion. Thank you for completing this information. Please note, assistive hearing devices and large print bulletins are available if needed – ask an usher.

The liturgical color for the season of Pentecost is green. Green is the color of vegetation, living things and the promise of new life. It is used for the Seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. As we speak of Pentecost Sunday as the "birth of the Church," so the lengthy Pentecost season reflects the life and growth of the Church.

The "Cradle Roll" milestone is celebrated our 8:30 service this morning. Bethany Milestone Ministries will recognize children 3 & 4 year olds who have started Sunday School in the past year. Thank you for being here to join in celebrating this faith milestone with our little ones.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping with services today:

8:30: Greet: Dustin & Jamie Blume family; Read: Mary Marske; Acolytes: Jerra Merchant, Zoey Metcalf; Communion servers: Mary Marske, Jody Vollmer, Gary Halverson; Usher: Dick & Betty Schmidt, Marla Woelber, Roger Clarke; Record: Sandi Schmidt; Project: Denise Tolzmann; **11:00:** Greet: Gary & Becky Koenig; Read: Becky Koenig; Communion server: Teresa Martindale; Project: Denise Tolzmann;

Would you like to help as a worship volunteer? Please consider serving! The December-February worship volunteer sign-up forms are at the Welcome Center. Look them over & sign up to help. If you need to check your calendar first, use this link to sign up from home on-line at: <http://signup.com/login/entry/10064285800109>. Also, a sign-up schedule for our extra Christmas eve and Christmas day services is at: <http://signup.com/login/entry/116989910792304020>.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Cecelia Burns, Lane Frederick, Mary Grover, Ben Heien, Jamie Huber, Linda Kunzmann, Greg Manwarren, Sandy Manwarren, Bill McCune, Isabel Perez, Darlene White; Barbara Wood (*Betty Lee's sister*); Darla Larsen (*Doug Bjorklund's sister*); Evelyn Winterboer (*Denny Winterboer's mother*); The family of Jane Richards (*Cindy Davis' sister*); Those affected by natural disasters and violence;

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL There are opportunities for fellowship and learning between worship services. Stop by the church parlor (*end of hallway in east wing*) for coffee/lemonade, cookies or donuts & lively conversation. All are welcome! Children ages 3 years – grade 8 are encouraged to attend Sunday School. Classes run from 9:45-10:45am. Preschoolers 3-4 years gather in their room upstairs (Room 9). Kinder-kids – grade 6 gather for fellowship in the dining room on the lower level. Students in grades 7-8 meet in their room in the east wing downstairs.

PLEASE USE A NAMETAG We would like all members to have a permanent nametag (kids, too!). If you are in need of a nametag or have misplaced yours we will make one for you. Look for the "Need a Name Tag" sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Visitors are encouraged to use adhesive nametags, available at the Welcome Center. Or, if you are planning to attend frequently, we would be happy to make a nametag for you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MOVIE OUTING This afternoon, Sunday school kids & families are invited to join in a movie outing at Spencer South Park 7 Theatres. We will be meeting to see the new family movie called “The Star”, a story of the first Christmas, as told by the animals who witnessed it. The matinee show time is 1:30pm and cost for the movie is \$6.00/person. Meet at the theatre!!

REMINDER Items for the December issue of our newsletter, The Bethany Herald, are due tomorrow – Monday, November 20. To submit items for the newsletter, please email your content to bethany@bethluthspencer.com or drop it by the church office. Thank you!

BLANKETED IN FAITH Bethany’s Faith-in-Action team invites you to help warm the heart of a child in the foster care system through the support of their year-end outreach project– “Blanketed in Faith” (which is also the November “Loving Spencer” monthly project). *How can you help?* Purchase fleece, bring it to church throughout November and leave in the specially designated collection basket at the Welcome Center. A blanket-tying social is planned for Thursday, December 14. The blankets will be given to kids in foster care through Lutheran Services in Iowa.

CHRISTMAS AT BETHANY This biennial celebration is less than a month away, coming up Saturday, December 9 from 11am-3pm. All are encouraged to be involved! Sign-up sheets are located in the church parlor. Some specific needs are:

- Salads for the pulled pork luncheon (sign up in the parlor)
- Inexpensive general gift items and gifts geared toward men and children for Santa’s workshop (leave items in designated basket at the Welcome Center)
- A few more trees for our Christmas tree display downstairs (sign up in parlor)

Thanks for helping with these items are you are able. Our final planning meeting will be on Tuesday, November 28 in the church parlor.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are in need of volunteers in the office to answer the telephone on Tuesday afternoons during staff meeting. Our meeting begins at 2pm and would last about an hour. If you are able to help with this, look for a schedule and please sign up at the Welcome Center.

LIVING LUTHERAN MAGAZINE Current subscribers: please call the church ASAP (262-2327) or email (bethany@bethluthspencer.com) to let us know whether you wish to continue with your subscription. Our annual rate is currently at \$11.75/year. If you don’t subscribe but would like to get started through Bethany’s subscription, let us know now and drop off a check for \$11.75 at the church office. Thanks!

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS The constitution committee, with the guidance of Pastor Jeff Unga from the Synod office, has prepared a final draft of the proposed new Bethany constitution. Copies are available at the Welcome Center (They really are there now! 😊). Pick one up and look it over. This will be voted on at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, January 21.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER In the spirit of Thanksgiving throughout the year, Bethany works to help combat hunger. We have three continuous local mission projects: “Room at the Table” Milk at Johnson Elementary, and holiday meals and meals for families in crisis at all of the Spencer Schools; Monthly food drives for the Upper Des Moines community food pantry; and our free community meal, “The Gathering”. In addition, we reach out globally through ELCA World Hunger. We would like to thank all of you who so generously support these efforts throughout the year and would encourage you to consider making a donation toward any of these missions.

POINSETTIAS The seasons of Advent and Christmas are just around the corner. Once again, this year we will decorate the Sanctuary with poinsettias. There will be two sizes of plants available – 4” for \$6.50 and 6” for \$10.50. If you would like to share a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, please look over the order form located at the Welcome Center. They would like our pre-booked order by November 17, so please sign up early. Thank you!

NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Bethany Family,

Thank you so much for your support, love, and expressions of sympathy when my mom died. Just a year ago, we smiled about Mardella moving to Hartley on her way to Heaven. What a blessing to have that promise of eternal life! Generous memorial money will be used to purchase palm crosses to hold in times of need. Please know they will be available for anyone to share with someone going through grief, sickness, or struggle. We thank you for being the arms of Christ around us.

Onalee & Russ Wright

Many, many thanks to everyone for the food/hygiene items and monetary donations given toward our November Food Drive for Upper Des Moines Outreach food pantry. With the holidays just around the corner, the need is great. Thanks for your support!

Many thanks to those who answered the call to help on behalf of Bethany Lutheran Church with the Spencer Home Delivered Meals program in November: Kirk & Sue Andersen, Steve & Shannon McAllister, Bob & Kathy Nase, Bill Hemme & Mary Rose Rezac. Thank you for sharing your time and serving in this way!

Special thanks to Ellen Sorenson, Judy Sorenson, Rita Storm, Pat Spenst and JoAnne Franke for volunteering to help round-up the residents at St. Luke Home for worship services on Sunday, November 26. Bethany helps with round up on a regular basis as a part of our nursing home ministry partnership with St. Luke Homes. Watch for another opportunity help, coming up in January!

Thank you to the many hands that made light work at our Fall Outdoor Clean Up day! Thanks to: Mark and Sharon Cameron, Bruce Iverson, Doug Marske, Randy Phillips, Bob & Lois Becker much was done in a small amount of time. We appreciate the help with this annual task.

To my dear and beloved people of Bethany, thank you for surprising me with birthday wishes and with the remembrance of my one-year anniversary with you. One of my birthday gifts was also a surprise-- while I attended my own surprise birthday open house in Bethany's parlor, a group of energetic people moved us into our loft space on West Okoboji. Thank you. Thank you. Your smiles, hugs, well wishes, and prayers are deeply valued by this humble wife and pastor. Thank you again. *Pastor Jen*

To my Bethany friends and co-workers:

Thank you for the many ways you helped to make my birthday special. I had an enjoyable day and appreciated all of your kindnesses! Thank you so much!

God bless you! *Mary Ann*

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19

8:30 am Worship – Milestone: Cradle Roll

9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

1:30 pm "The Star" Movie Outing

Monday, November 20

November Herald news deadline

1:30 pm Stone Croft Bible Study

7:00 pm Ruth Circle

Tuesday, November 21

9:30 am Priscilla Circle

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

5:00pm Weeknight Music 2 (Gr 5-6)

6:00 pm Weeknight Music 1 (Gr K-4)

7:00 pm Weeknight Music 3 (Gr 7-8)

Wednesday, November 22

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

Thursday, November 23

Church office closed - Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24

Church office closed

Saturday, November 25

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, November 26 – Christ the King Sunday

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am St. Luke Round Up

9:45 am Sunday School, Fellowship

11:00 am Worship