

WORSHIP BULLETIN – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

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: <i>"Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"</i>	ELW 886
Gathering Hymn: 'Kyrie & Gloria	Setting 7, ELW pp. 175-177
First Reading	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111	Chanted, Tone 7
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Gospel	Mark 1:21-28
Sermon	Pastor Jen Henry
Hymn of the Day: <i>"Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"</i>	ELW 886
Offering: BELLS TBD	
Communion Hymn: <i>"Be Thou My Vision"</i>	ELW 793
Sending Hymn: <i>"The Lord Now Sends us Forth"</i>	ELW 538
Postlude: <i>"St Patrick's Breastplate"</i>	

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WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome 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. These can help you get to know the others in your pew. The pads also have a space for our record of communion. Please be sure to mark this if you partake in Holy Communion. Please be sure to include this information. Thank you for filling out the Fellowship Pad!

Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you would like either of these, please ask an usher.

The liturgical color for the season of Epiphany is green. Green symbolizes the renewal of vegetation, living things and the promise of new life. It is used for the two seasons that focus most directly on continuing life in this world: Epiphany and Pentecost. Epiphany focuses on the life of Jesus as a human being, and Pentecost focuses on the life of the Church.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping with services today:

8:30: Greeter: Rhonda Salts; Reader: Mary Marske; Communion servers: Twila Henning, Mary Marske, _____; Acolyte: Cole DeVlaeminck, Aliza Huntoon; Usher: Roger Clarke, Marla Woelber, Dick & Betty Schmidt; Recorder: Dale & Sandi Witt; Projector: Matt Kuehler; **11:00:** Greeter: _____; Reader: Teresa Martinedale; Communion server: TBD; Projector: Matt Kuehler;

Are you able to help as a worship volunteer? Readers, greeters, and Communion servers are needed. Please consider helping! The January/February sign-up forms are at the Welcome Center and on-line at: <http://signup.com/go/LFgpAbst>. Look them over and sign up to help as you are able. Thank you for helping as a worship volunteer at Bethany!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Concerns:

Mary Grover, Ben Heien, Jamie Huber, Linda Kunzmann, Bill McCune, Sandy Manwarren, Isabel Perez, Sally Peterson, LeAnn Rovang; Barbara Wood (*Betty Lee's sister*); Darla Larsen (*Doug Bjorklund's sister*); Justine Lionberger (*Mary Marske's mother*); Gladys Wilcox (*Sherrie Green's mother*); Kevin Vaudt (*Steve & Rhonda Salts' son-in-law*); Gary Lundquist (*Mary Fiedler's father*); Elsie Anderson (*Val Van Ampting, Laurie Conlon & Mary Ann Quail's mother*);

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES BETWEEN SERVICES All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with refreshments in the church parlor between services. Sunday school is in session. Children age 3 years--grade 8 are welcome and encouraged to attend. Preschooler ages 3-4 years old gather in their room upstairs (Room 9). Kinder-kids through grade 5 gather in the Dining Room downstairs. Grades 6-8 meet in their room on the lower level.

ST LUKE ROUND UP: Many thanks to Jody Vollmer, Marilyn Meyer, Rita Storm and Bess Madsen for serving on behalf of Bethany by helping round up residents for worship at St. Luke today.

A CALL FOR WITNESSES: 2018 MIDWEEK LENT During the 5 midweek services in Lent, we would like to have volunteers from the congregation be witnesses during the meditation time of our Holden Evening Prayer worship service. Each Wednesday night, we will hear one or more of your stories that are linked to God's stories. See the January Herald for more information and please let Pastor Jen, Katie, or Stephen know if you are interested in sharing. They would happily help you compose your experience into a format for worship. Let them know by the end of January.

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION Are you or someone you know interested in membership at Bethany? Maybe you are a spouse of a member and would like to officially become part of the roster. Maybe you've been a frequent visitor and are interested in becoming a member of Bethany. If so, or if you just want information, please plan to attend a new member inquiry session on Sunday, between services on Sunday, February 4. We will receive new member at our worship services on Sunday, February 11.

ATTENTION: WOMEN Want to be featured in an upcoming issue of *Gather? Gather* magazine, a publication of the Women of the ELCA is looking for stories about a time God surprised you or about an important lesson you learned in an unexpected way. Do you have a memory of a time God spoke through something unexpected in your life? Send 150 (or fewer) words to gather@elca.org by February 1, 2018 to be considered.

ATTENTION: MEN Join other Lutheran Men in Mission for a men's retreat at Lutheran Lakeside Camp on Friday-Saturday, February 2-3. The retreat theme is "Come and Share – Build Relationships". The keynote speaker will be Rev. Alvin Erickson speaking on the top of human trafficking of children and the important role of dads, husbands and grandfathers in congregations. Cost for the retreat is \$50. Register at www.wisynod.org/synod-events.

LOOKING FOR A GOOD MOVIE? *A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy*, the Martin Luther film produced for the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, will continue to share the history and truths of the Reformation to an even broader audience, as the PBS version of the film (*Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*) began streaming on Netflix on January 1, 2018. The Lord has richly blessed this film project as it has been seen by hundreds of thousands of people, with more than 1,000 screenings at local theaters, a national audience in a PBS showing that doubled its normal viewership and now a two-year run on Netflix. Netflix has more than 110 million subscribers in 190 countries.

DIVORCE CARE is a Christian based recovery program to help people recover from the pain and devastation of a divorce or ending a long term relationship. A new series of Divorce Care "The Courage to Heal" is starting on January 21, 2018 at Hope Reformed Church. Classes will be held Sunday evenings for 13 weeks. For more information or to register, please call 712-262-3391.

LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL Lutheran Services in Iowa's Lutheran Day on the Hill is a day of advocacy for Iowa's most vulnerable populations. This year's event is on Thursday, February 8. Join LSI in Des Moines at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church and learn about the social issues affecting Iowa and talk to your legislators about keeping the social safety net secure for all Iowans. For details or to register visit www.LSIowa.org/LDH.

CAMP SUNDAY Join us on Sunday, February 11 for special services led by Lakeside Lutheran camp staff. This promises to be a lively worship service that you won't want to miss! The Lakeside team will be on hand for Sunday School classes, too. Be on the lookout that day for information on upcoming summer camp opportunities at Lakeside Lutheran. If you are thinking about sending your child to camp this year, and want to save money, now is the time to get registered, as early bird discounts apply.

RIDES TO CHURCH. Some time ago we were notified that the RIDES bus would no longer be running on Sundays. In an effort to reach out to members (and friends) who are unable to drive we are looking for a team of people to help provide rides to church. Would you be able to help in this area? Please speak with Pr. Jen or Onalee for more information.

SYNOD GROUP TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY Are you ready for a spiritual adventure? Maybe a safari is on your bucket list? Join the other folks from the Western Iowa Synod on a trip to our companion synod, the Southern Diocese of Tanzania. Walk with fellow Christians, learning about each other, Tanzania and its people and culture. The application deadline for this trip is February 15. Log on to the www.wisynod.org for more information.

SOUND BOOTH CREW Please consider joining the tech team. Projector operators, camera/video recorders and sound people are needed for our worship services. These are step-by-step processes that you can learn and we are willing to train. If you would like to be a part of the “tech team” please sign up at the Welcome Center. You will be contacted with information about some upcoming training sessions. Thanks!

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 28

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:30 am St. Luke Round Up
- 9:45 am Fellowship Time, Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship

Tuesday, January 30

- 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, January 31

- 10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
- 6:00 pm Choir
- 7:00 pm Confirmation
- 7:45 pm Bethany Youth Group
- 8:00 pm Uke Group

Thursday, February 1

- 9:30 am Spencer Ministerial Meeting
- 10:45 am Program Staff Planning Meeting

Saturday, February 3

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, February 4

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:30 am New Member Inquiry Class
- 9:45 am Fellowship Time, Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship