

**WORSHIP BULLETIN – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018 – 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

Temple Talk: Stewardship Mary Marske

Gathering Hymn: *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"* ELW 324

First Reading Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31 *(Congregation may chant all verses)* Chanted to Tone 9

Second Reading Romans 4:13-25

Gospel Mark 8:31-38

Sermon Pastor Jen Henry

Hymn of the Day: *"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"* ELW 667

Milestone Recognition/Children's Message Katie Hare

Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Offering: *"Kyrie"* - Cathy Moglebust

Communion Hymn: (8:30) *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* ELW 803

Benediction

May God bless you with DISCOMFORT....

at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,  
so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with ANGER...

at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with TEARS...

to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war,  
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them  
and turn their pain into JOY.

And may God bless you with enough FOOLISHNESS...

to believe that you CAN make a difference in this world,  
so that you can DO what others claim cannot be done. AMEN.

Sending Hymn: *"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"* ELW 769

Postlude: *"Songs of Praise"* - Susan Geschke

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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.

Purple is the traditional color for the Season of Lent. Through the centuries, purple has symbolized pain, suffering, and therefore mourning and penitence, so it is the appropriate liturgical color for the Church to use in this penitential time of the year.

Congratulations to our second grade students who will be receiving their first Small Catechism this weekend. They will be meeting with Katie during the Sunday school hour for a special class on their Small Catechism and how to use it. Our second grade students are: Alayna McEntee, Brayden Meyer, Kendra Manwarren and Lily McWhirter.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping with services today: **8:30:** Greeters: Randy & Sue Riecks; Reader: Don Moore; Acolyte: Jerra Merchant, Mackenzie Manwarren; Communion servers: Randy Riecks, Twila Henning, Lois Becker; Ushers: George Kruger, Kirby Schmidt, Judy Sorenson; Recorder: Sandi Witt; Projector: Mary Ann Quail; **11:00:** Greeters: Gary & Kathie Halverson; Reader: Kathie Halverson; Communion server: Gary Halverson; Projector: Mary Ann Quail;

***Would you like to serve as a worship volunteer? Readers, greeters, communion servers, recorders and projector operators are needed. Please consider helping! The new "spring" sign-up forms are at the Welcome Center. Look them over and sign up to help as you are able. Thank you for helping as a worship volunteer at Bethany! (Please note, we will no longer be using Signup.com – forms will be available at the Welcome Center, only.)***

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Health Concerns:

Marian Crane, Mary Grover, Ben Heien, Jamie Huber, Donna Koester,  
Linda Kunzmann, Jerri Langenfeld, Sandy Manwarren, Mike Palm;  
Darla Larsen (*Doug Bjorklund's sister*); Gladys Wilcox (*Sherrie Green's mother*);  
Gary Lundquist (*Mary Fiedler's father*); Barbara Wood (*Betty Lee's sister*);  
Elsie Anderson (*Val Van Ampting, Laurie Conlon & Mary Ann Quail's mother*);  
Jamie Rippey (*Jeremy & Linda Keefer's daughter*)

### Those who mourn:

The family of Carolyn O'Hara (*Angie Merchant's mother*);  
The family of Grace Morris (*Jan Mummert's mother*);

### Other Concerns:

People who advocate for those who have no voice, such as the hungry;  
All affected by the Florida shooting incidence;

## 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 encouraged to attend. Preschooler ages 3-4 years old gather in their room upstairs (Room 9). Kinder-kids through grade 6 gather in the Dining Room downstairs. Grades 7-8 meet in their room on the lower level.

**UPCOMING MILESTONE EVENT** This year marks the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bethany's congregation. How shall we celebrate? What theme would you suggest? Special music? A theme hymn? Dinner celebrations? Join us in the corner of the parlor during coffee hour to discuss. Already in the plans is a JELLOBRATION complete with Jell-O contest as well as Pastor Jen performing the Jell-O song.

**BETHANY FAMILY POTLUCK/GAME NIGHT!** Everyone is welcome to gather together this evening from 5:30–7:30 pm for an evening of food, fellowship and FUN! There will be board games for ages 3 to 99+ to play. If you have a favorite game at home, please feel free to bring it! Play a game you already know, or learn a new one! Guidelines for the potluck are as follows: Last name A-H: Bring a side dish or appetizer; last name I-P: Bring a dessert; last name Q-Z: Bring a main dish. Hope you can come! *Unable to make it?* Don't worry! Another Family Game Night will be held on Sunday, March 25 from 5:30-7:30 pm. If you have questions, please contact Jamie Blume (jruskblume@yahoo.com) or Tasha Rutter (natasharutter82@gmail.com) Get ready to have some FUN!

**BETHANY'S MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES** are being held Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm through March 21. We are using the Holden Evening Prayer service. Our series: "Witnesses Point Us to Christ" feature members presenting their stories that are linked to God's stories. An evening meal will be served beginning at 6:00pm in the dining room. Friends of "The Gathering" serve this week's meal.

**COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES** are being held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with lunch service beginning at 11:30 AM (\$4.00); worship from 12:20-12:50 on Wednesdays during Lent thru March 28. Because it is as significant WHERE we pray as for WHAT we pray, the theme "JESUS PRAYS: Drawing Hope from the Prayer Life of Jesus" draws on moments in the life of Jesus to inspire our own faith lives. This week's service on February 28 will be led by Bethany Lutheran and Faith Pentecostal Churches and will include a string orchestra. Plan to attend.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** for fifth grade students are in progress, Wednesday afternoons during Lent at 4:30pm. This is a six week series of classes that will help prepare the students to receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday (March 29). Contact Katie if you have any questions!

**LUTHER COLLEGE JAZZ ORCHESTRA** Bethany Lutheran Church will be the first stop for the Luther College Jazz Orchestra 2018 Midwest Tour on Thursday, April 12. Your help will be needed as we welcome the band in our facilities and offer our hospitality to this group. If you are interested in hosting one or more of the band members in your home, please talk to Stephen or Pastor Jen and or be on the lookout for more information on how you can be involved with this event.

**LEADERSHIP INSTALLATION** The Bethany Church Council and Ministry Team Leaders will be installed at our 8:30am worship service on Sunday, March 4. Please pray for our leaders as they guide our congregation in mission and ministry.

**ST. LUKE ANNUAL MEETING** Bethany Lutheran Church is one of 13 local churches that founded St. Luke Lutheran Nursing Home back in 1967. The Annual Meeting of St. Luke is Sunday, March 4 at 2:00pm. We extend our thanks to Carole Peterson and Kathie Halverson who are serving as delegates of Bethany at the meeting.

**ST. LUKE ROUND UP** Sunday, March 4 is Bethany's turn to help "round-up" residents for worship at St. Luke Home. Would you like to help? Look for details & sign up at the Welcome Center.

**SKY ZONE EVENT** Weather troubles led to postponing our Sky Zone event to Monday, March 19. Details are the same just a change of date. Junior High Students (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade) are welcome to join in the fun on March 19, as we head to Sioux Falls for some fun. Plan to meet at Bethany at 10:00 AM, and we'll be back by 5 PM. Students may bring a friend, as long as we have enough help driving. The cost to go is \$20 (don't forget your Orange socks, if you have them!) and students are asked to RSVP by March 15. RSVP by texting Katie or signing up on the Youth Bulletin Board.

**RIDES TO CHURCH** The Regional Transit Authority recently announced that the RIDES bus will be offering extended hours for weekday evenings (5-10pm) and weekend mornings (7am-10am). This means the bus will be available for those who would like to come to worship but are in need of a ride. (A 24-hour notice is necessary for booking all trips.) The Faith-In-Action team is working out the details. Watch for more information to come.

**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, February 25**

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 5:30 pm Family Potluck/Game Night

### **Tuesday, February 27** - *No Weeknight Music*

- 2:00 pm Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 28**

- 10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
- 11:30 am Community Lenten Lunch/Worship  
Bethany & Faith Pentecostal Churches lead
- 4:30 pm Fifth Grade First Communion Class
- 6:00 pm Lenten Supper
- 7:00 pm Lenten Worship: Biblical Witnesses
- 7:30 pm Confirmation
- 7:45 pm **B**ethany **Y**outh **G**roup
- 8:00 pm Uke Group

### **Thursday, March 1**

- 9:30 am Spencer Ministerial Association
- 1:00 pm WIS Youth Leaders Workshop

### **Saturday, March 3**

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

### **Sunday, March 4**

- 8:30 am Worship: Leadership Installation
- 9:30 am St. Luke Round Up
- 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 2:00 pm St. Luke Annual Meeting