

WORSHIP BULLETIN – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 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.*

Gathering Hymn: *"Built on a Rock"*

ELW 652

Installation of the Bethany Church Council

Gary Halverson, President

Matt Kuehler

Mary Marske

Randy Riecks, Vice-President

Randy Phillips

Jamie Blume

Sheryl Thu, Secretary

Teresa Martindale

Sandi Schmidt, Treasurer

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

Read Responsively by Whole Verse

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel

John 2:13-22

Sermon

Pastor Jen Henry

Hymn of the Day: *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

ELW 803

Communion Hymn: *"Beautiful Savior"*

ELW 838

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: *"Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"*

ELW 772

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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.

The Bethany Church Council members will be installed at our 8:30am worship service today. Please pray for our leaders as they guide our congregation in mission and ministry.

Many thanks to these worship volunteers helping today: **8:30:** Greeter: Donna Jones; Reader: Judy Hiemstra; Acolyte: Zoey Metcalf, Corrine Stave; Communion servers: Kathie Halverson, Twila Henning, Donna Jones; Ushers: Gary Halverson, Francis Hiemstra, Bruce Klenken; Recorder: Matt Burns; Projector: Matt Kuehler; **11:00:** Greeters: Sandi Witt; Reader and Communion server: Teresa Martindale; Projector: Matt Kuehler;

Each worship service comes together through the work of many people. There are numerous opportunities to assist. Please consider being a worship volunteer. We need readers, greeters, communion servers, recorders and projector operators. *Want to help, but not sure what to do?* We will train you (put a note by your name when you sign up and we will contact you). The new "Spring" sign-up forms are at the Welcome Center. Look them over and sign up to help!! (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*); Barbara Wood (*Betty Lee's sister*);

Gladys Wilcox (*Sherrie Green's mother*); Gary Lundquist (*Mary Fiedler's father*);

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 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 school shooting incidence; those affected by flooding in the Midwest; Bethany Church Council and other leaders of the congregation;

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY 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 today at 2:00pm. We extend our thanks to Carole Peterson and Kathie Halverson who are serving as delegates from our church. Many thanks, too, to Rita Storm, Laurie Conlon and Ellen Sorenson who are helping with round-up today.

UPCOMING MILESTONE EVENT This year marks the 130th 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. A pictorial membership directory will be compiled with photography sittings for the directory set for the first week in May. Be sure to schedule a sitting so as to be included in our 130th Anniversary Membership Directory!

SPRING AHEAD!! It's that time of year again, as Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 11! Be sure to set your clocks one hour ahead at bedtime on Saturday, March 10, so you won't be late for church!!

SUSTENANCE FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY Wednesdays during Lent are great time to be refreshed gathering in Christian fellowship and worship. Consider attending the ecumenical services at Sacred Heart (lunch service begins at 11:30am; worship from 12:20-12:50) and join us for our midweek suppers and services here at Bethany (supper, 6pm; worship, 7:00pm).

YOUTH SUNDAY S Katie and the Bethany Youth Group and Confirmation students will lead our 11am worship service next Sunday, March 11! Students, interested in helping with worship, contact Katie or Stephen! All students involved with Youth Sunday must attend Confirmation/BYG on March 7 at 7:45pm PM & should be here on March 11 by 10:15am.

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 them in our facilities and offer our hospitality to this group. Please talk to Stephen or Pastor Jen to find out how you can be involved in helping with this event.

SKY ZONE EVENT Just a reminder that our Sky Zone event is coming up on Monday, March 19. We'll leave Bethany at 10am and be back by 5pm. All those interested in attending, please sign up by March 15 on the youth bulletin board or text Katie.

FAMILY FEUD GRADES 5-8 On March 18 Sunday school students in grades 5-8 will be playing Family Feud, Bible Edition! Students will test their knowledge on what the top answers are for our Bible questions, which will be gathered on popular answers of our congregation. We're counting on members to help. Come to fellowship time to complete the surveys. Students, you won't want to miss this fun Sunday school hour!

MARCH NEWSLETTER The March edition of The Bethany Herald was mailed out last week. Perhaps you've already received it. Don't forget to stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a copy of the March "month-at-a-glance" calendar, as they are no longer included in the mailing.

SHARE A PLANT FOR THE EASTER GARDEN! The Bethany Altar Guild is taking orders for Easter lilies to beautify the sanctuary on Easter morning. There are two sizes available: 6" for \$7.99 or 8" for \$18.99 (2 plants). Cut flowers are also welcome. Or, consider "loaning" a potted plant, flowering or greenery, that you can later place in your own garden. (*Be sure to have your name on it in case of duplicates.*) Bring plants to Bethany by Saturday, March 31 in the morning. Look at the Welcome Center for the Easter lily order form and for more information about what you to do if you are sharing a plant for the Easter Garden. Thanks!

FUN & FELLOWSHIP Women of Bethany will be working on kits and quilts for Lutheran World Relief missions on Thursday, March 8, at 9am in the church-dining hall. They'll work together 'til about noon and then enjoy a potluck lunch. Come for Fun & Fellowship!!

COMMUNITY MEAL Bethany's Community Meal "The Gathering" happens this week. Do you know someone who would benefit from a free meal or in need of companionship at mealtime? Please invite them to "The Gathering" at Bethany, Thursday, March 8, 5-6pm. *Would you like to help?* We need cherry crisps for dessert. Find the recipe and sign-up at the Welcome Center!

LIFE'S SPECIAL OCCASIONS Would you like to bring goodies for fellowship hour to celebrate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, good news) with Bethany friends? We serve an average of 60-80 people each Sunday. Many options include donuts, cookies, cake, cupcakes, bars, snack mixes, fruit muffins – the list is endless. Reserve a date by filling out a card, located at the Welcome Center. If you have questions, talk to a Fellowship Committee member: Sandi, 580-9593; Judi, 580-4443; Marla, 262-7450.

CREATIVE SPIRITS would like to come back to Bethany for an afternoon of fellowship and painting. If you would be interested in doing this, let them know by signing up at the Welcome Center.

WOMEN OF BETHANY SERVE On Wednesday, March 28 the Women of Bethany are serving lunch at the community Lenten lunch and worship service at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Several salads and pans of bars are needed to go with the soups that are provided. There are opportunities to work in the kitchen, too. We will need your help!! To find out how, be on the lookout for sign-up sheets and more information at the Welcome Center. Please look them over and sign up to help as you are able. Thank you!!

CALENDAR

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

Monday, March 5

- 2:30 pm St. Luke Auxiliary Meeting

Tuesday, March 6

- 2:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 5:00pm Weeknight Music 2 (Gr 5-6)
- 6:30 pm Parish Ed Committee Meeting
- 6:00 pm Weeknight Music 1 (Gr K-4)
- 7:00 pm Weeknight Music 3 (Gr 7-8)

Wednesday, March 7

- 10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
- 11:30 am Community Lenten Worship/Lunch
- 4:30 pm Fifth Grade First Communion Class
- 5:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting
- 6:00 pm Lenten Supper
- 6:00 pm Uke Group (at Bethany)
- 7:00 pm Lenten Worship: Biblical Witnesses
- 7:30 pm Confirmation & BYG Youth Sunday Rehearsal

Thursday, March 8

- 9:30 am Fun & Fellowship
- 12:00 pm Workday Potluck
- 5:00 pm The Gathering

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, March 11

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:45 am Fellowship Time, Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship – Youth Sunday