

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 8, 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: *"Let the Children Come"* - Dakota Road

Temple Talk: Camp Autumn

Chelsea Clay, IHH Program Director

Gathering Hymns: *"The Spirit Intercedes for Us"*

ELW 180

Kyrie Eleison

Setting 8, pp. 184-185

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Second Reading

1 John 1:1 – 2:2

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Sermon

Pastor Jen Henry

Hymn of the Day: *"Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen"*

ELW 548

Blessing of the Sound and Video System

Offering: *"You Rolled Away the Stone"* - Dakota Road

Communion Hymn: *"Bread in a Basket"* - Dakota Road

"Whose Body" - Dakota Road

Sending Hymn: *"Build Us Up, Lord"*

ELW 670

Postlude: *"Let's Go Out"* - Dakota Road

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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 Easter and the Easter season can be either white or gold or both. White symbolizes purity, holiness, respect and reverence. White is also used for the season of Christmas. Gold symbolizes what is precious and valuable, and so symbolizes majesty, joy, and celebration. Because of its brightness, metallic gold also symbolizes the presence of God.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers today: **8:30**: Greeter: Bruce & Judy Iverson; Reader: Gary Halverson; Acolytes: Ethan Stave, Autumn Erdman; Communion servers: Sandi Witt, Gary & Kathie Halverson; Ushers: Gary Koenig, Donna Jones, Doug & Pam Bjorklund; Recorder: Sandi Schmidt; Projector: Mary Ann Quail; **11:00**: Greeters: Gary & Kathie Halverson; Reader: & Communion server: Rhonda Salts; Projector: Mary Ann Quail;

REMINDER: 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. If you want to help, but are not sure what to do, we will train you (put a note by your name when you sign up and we will contact you). Look for the April-May sign-up forms are at the Welcome Center and sign up to help!!

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns:

Jamie Huber, Linda Kunzmann, Sandy Manwarren;
Barbara Wood (*Betty Lee's sister*); Gladys Wilcox (*Sherrie Green's mother*);
Sue Hauck (*Rachel Schmidt Hauck's mother-in-law*);
Roseana Titterington (*Sheryl Thu's mother*); Judy Johnson (*Janet Keck's mother*);

Thanksgiving:

Quinn Margaret Rae Barrick, daughter of Chase & Elissa Barrick,
baptized at Bethany, April 1

Those who mourn:

The family of Andy Huffman; The family of Leland Franke; The family of Barb Mehran;
The family of Krystine Savidge (*Jan Mummert's sister*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL All children are encouraged to attend Sunday School between services. Preschoolers 3-4 years gather in Room 9 upstairs. Kinder-kids thru grade 6 meet for fellowship & music in the dining room on the lower level & proceed to their classrooms following. Grades 7-8 meet in their room in the east wing downstairs.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BRUNCH Two years ago Bethany Lutheran conducted *The Time has Come... The Need is Now* Capital Campaign, a three year campaign with the purpose of enhancing our facilities. Much has been accomplished thanks to your generous donations! A midway celebration brunch happens today between services. All are welcome--join in our celebration of thanksgiving!

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE Teams are forming for the 2018 softball season. Are you interested in playing? Organizers would like to know as soon as possible. If interested, please contact Judy Hiemstra, at 580-4443.

UDMO FOOD DRIVE WEEK April 8-15 is our food drive week. Share the love with a gift for the local pantry! Bring donations to the Welcome Center any time this week. We will deliver the goods to Upper Des Moines Outreach Pantry in Spencer! Thanks for your great generosity! Cash donations are also accepted. Earmark your check “Food Pantry” and leave in the offering plate.

“THE GATHERING” COMMUNITY MEAL happens Thursday, April 12, in the Dining Room from 5-6pm! This is when we open our doors in the spirit of outreach and hospitality, providing a free, nutritious and delicious meal for those who are food insecure in our area *and* for those who are looking for companionship, enjoying friendship and fellowship around the dinner table. Invite someone who may benefit from this ministry to come for supper at Bethany! The Gathering builds community within our church family, too, as meals are prepared and served in a spirit of cooperation and volunteerism. Want to help? Sign up at the Welcome Center to provide a Bonny Butter Cake for this meal. Or, if you would like to help that evening, come to the dining room at 4:30pm on April 12. We will find you a job.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP Women of Bethany Fun & Fellowship Group meet this Thursday, April 12 at 9am to wrap up another year of their mission work for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Annually on the first weekend in May they transport the quilts, baby care, personal care, sewing and school kits that they’ve assembled over the past 12 months to a truck at the South Park mall. From there they are taken to the LWR warehouse in South St. Paul, MN where they are shipped to locations throughout the world. On Sunday, April 29 our service will include a special blessing and dedication of the kits and quilts as we prepare to send them on their way. Also on that day, there will be a display of the quilts and kits so parishioners can see the artistry and toil that goes into their labor of love for these mission efforts.

LUTHER COLLEGE JAZZ ORCHESTRA COMING TO BETHANY! Jazz reflects the Easter message – it is infectious, spirit-filled, and makes us want to dance and swing! Come hear the Luther College Jazz Orchestra Thursday, April 12, 7:00pm at Bethany. Under the direction of Juan Tony Guzmán, 21 talented student musicians-- including Spencer native Lauren Sather-- will perform a concert guaranteed to uplift and inspire. The concert is open to the public; a freewill offering will be taken.

PHOTO DIRECTORY Bethany will publish a photo directory of members and friends this year. The photography sessions are Tuesday – Friday May 1-4 from 2pm-9pm, Saturday, May 5 from 9am-4pm, and Sunday May 6 from 12pm-5pm. Our goal is to have everyone be a part of this photography event and we are scheduling the photography sittings before and after services. Sign up today!!

NEW MEMBER INQUIRY & 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, come to a membership inquiry class being held between services on Sunday, April 15. We look forward to welcoming and receiving new members to the Bethany congregation on Sunday, April 22!

FAITH IN ACTION PROJECT Once again this year we'll be collecting donations for Camp Autumn, a therapeutic day camp for kids aged 4-12 with special needs. Look for a Spring Easter Tree and select one or more "eggs" from the tree. Each egg is labeled with a supply that Autumn's Center/Camp Autumn needs. Purchase the item(s) you selected and bring them back by the end of April and place them in the marked basket at the Welcome Center. Or, earmark a monetary donation for the camp and leave at the church office or in the offering plate.

YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE The Bethany Youth annual fundraiser rummage sale will be held in conjunction with the Spencer Citywide Sales on May 4-5. This effort is always a huge success thanks to your donations! While doing your spring-cleaning remember to set aside items for the Bethany Youth sale. You may bring them to the Youth Room downstairs any time in April. Thank you for your continued support! 😊

URBAN PLUNGE Hey Bethany Youth, want to spend a fun weekend doing Mission work this summer with Urban Plunge? The dates have been set for August 3-5. We hope to you'll join us for this mission trip weekend. Come to an informational meeting Wednesday, April 18, 6pm in the parlor.

VOLUNTEER BRUNCH A "Beach Bash" brunch honoring anyone who has served as a volunteer this past year at the St. Luke Homes & Services campus will be held on Saturday, April 28 at 9:30am in the St. Luke Employee Break Room. From lay preaching, to St. Luke Round-Up, to BINGO helpers, to Auxiliary, to annual meeting delegates... If you've volunteered at the St. Luke Campus this past year, you're welcome to attend!

GEORGE'S TOMATO PLANTS Our dear friend and member of Bethany, George Kruger, is up to something good and you're invited to help support his efforts. You all may not know, but George has a green thumb and some years ago he began starting tomato plants from seed and selling the garden-ready plants with all proceeds going to charity. This year's recipient will be the Community & Winter Clothing Mission for Elementary Students in Spencer – a project of the Spencer Area Action Club. The tomato plants cost \$2 each and will be available for pick-up on Saturday April 28. There are several varieties to choose from. If interested, look for more info and an order form at the Welcome Center.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 8

UDMO Food Drive Week through April 15

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:45 am Capital Campaign Brunch
- 9:45 am Sunday School Service Project
- 11:00 am Worship

Monday, April 9

- 1:30 pm Stonecroft Bible Study

Tuesday, April 10

No week night music

- 2:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Faith-in-Action Committee

Wednesday, April 11

No music rehearsals or BYG

- 10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
- 5:00 pm Archive Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, April 12

- 9:00 am Fun & Fellowship
- 12:00 pm Potluck Lunch
- 5:00 pm The Gathering Community Meal
- 7:00 pm Luther College Jazz Orchestra Concert

Saturday, April 14

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, April 15

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