

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 15, 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: <i>"Spiegel im Spiegel"</i> - Arvo Pärt	John Rahn, piano; Stephen Baker, violin
Temple Talk: Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp	Sarah Heutinck, Registrar
Gathering Hymn: <i>"Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"</i>	ELW 548
First Reading	Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4	Chanted (tone 1)
Second Reading	1 John 3:1-7
Gospel	Luke 24:36b-48
Sermon	Pastor Jen Henry
Hymn of the Day: <i>"The Risen Christ"</i>	ELW 390
Offering: <i>"Amazing Grace"</i> – Jan Sanborn	(8:30)
<i>"Spiegel im Spiegel"</i> (continued) - Arvo Pärt	(11:00)
Communion Hymn: <i>"Now the Silence"</i>	ELW 460
<i>"In the Singing"</i>	ELW 466
Sending Hymn: <i>"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"</i>	ELW 389
Postlude: <i>"I Have the Joy"</i> – Jan Sanborn	(8:30)
<i>"Spiegel im Spiegel"</i> (continued) - Arvo Pärt	(11:00)

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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.

A special welcome and thank you to our guests today: John Rahn of Spencer on the piano and to Sarah Heutinck of Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp sharing about their ministry and opportunities.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers today: **8:30:** Greeter: Dale & Sandi Witt; Reader: Mary Marske; Acolytes: Mallory Graves, Mallory Klemme; Communion servers: Randy Riecks, Twila Henning, Mary Marske; Ushers: Dick & Betty Schmidt, Roger Clarke, Marla Woelber; Recorder: Bill Hemme; Projector: Matt Kuehler; **11:00:** Greeter: Gary & Kathie Halverson; Reader: & Communion server: Teresa Martindale; Projector: Matt Kuehler;

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 at the Welcome Center and sign up to help!!

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns:

Mary Rose Hemme, 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*);

Thanksgiving:

Quinn Margaret Rae Barrick, daughter of Chase & Elissa Barrick, baptized at Bethany 4/1

Those who mourn:

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.

NEW MEMER 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 today in Pastor Jen's office. We look forward to welcoming and receiving new members to the Bethany congregation on Sunday, April 22!

EASTER LILIES Many thanks to everyone who shared an Easter lily for our Easter worship services. You're welcome to take it home now. Plants are located by the Welcome Center.

PHOTO DIRECTORY – SIGN UP TODAY Bethany will publish a photo directory of members and friends this year. The photo sittings 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.

CARD SHOWER Help Elaine Sorenson celebrate her 95th birthday on Saturday, April 21. Birthday greetings may be send to Elaine at this address: 1104 First Ave West, Spencer. Thanks for helping make this a special day for Elaine!

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 you are interested or know someone who would like to play, please contact Judy Hiemstra, at 580-4443.

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.

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 are set for August 3-5. We hope to you'll join us for this mission trip. Come to an informational meeting Weds. 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 15

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am New Member Inquiry Class (Pastor Jen's office)
9:45 am Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Monday, April 16

1:30 pm Stonecroft Bible Study
7:00 pm Ruth Circle

Tuesday, April 17

9:30 am Priscilla Circle
2:00 pm Staff Meeting
5:00 pm Weeknight Music (*through 8pm*)
5:30 pm Evangelism Committee
6:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, April 18

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
6:00 pm Choir
6:00 pm Urban Plunge Informational Meeting
7:00 pm Confirmation
7:45 pm **B**ethany **Y**outh **G**roup
8:00 pm Uke Group

Thursday, April 19

1:30 pm Miriam Circle
5:30 pm Worship & Music Committee

Friday, April 20 - *May Herald news deadline*

Saturday, April 21

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, April 22

8:30 am Worship – New Member Installation
9:45 am Fellowship, Children's Library Open House
9:45 am SS Easter Program Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship with SS Easter Program