

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 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: *"Voluntary I"* - John Stanley

Gathering Hymn: *"Gather Us In"* ELW 532

Holy Baptism: Bryson Robert Kelly (11:00)

First Reading Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Psalm 81:1-10 Chanted: Tone 1

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Gospel Mark 2:23—3:6

Sermon Pastor Jen Henry

Hymn of the Day: *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* ELW 773

Offering: *"Organ Sonata I: Adagio"* - Felix Mendelssohn

Communion Hymn: *"As the Grains of Wheat"* ELW 465
"In the Singing" ELW 466

Sending Hymn: *"Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"* ELW 548

Postlude: *"Voluntary II"* - John Stanley

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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 around you. The pads also have a space for our record of communion. Please be sure to mark this if you partake in Holy Communion. Thank you for taking time to fill out the Fellowship Pad! Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you would benefit from either of these, please ask an usher.

The liturgical color for the season of Pentecost is green. Green is the color of vegetation, living things and the promise of new life. It is used for the Seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. As we speak of Pentecost Sunday as the "birth of the Church," so the lengthy Pentecost season reflects the life and growth of the Church.

Baptism (11:00): Bryson Robert Kelly, son of Joshua & Patricia Kelly. Bryson's sponsors are Tony & Ashley Hogrefe and Joe & Abby Simon. The rose on the altar is to honor Bryson and may be taken home by his family.

Today's altar flowers are given by Bob & Lois Becker in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping with services today:

8:30: Greet: Gary Halverson; Reader: Sylvia Moore; Communion servers: Donna Jones, Mary Marske, Gary Halverson; Acolytes: Cole DeVlaeminck, Aliza Huntoon; Ushers: Gary Halverson, Bruce Klenken; Recorder: Sandi Witt; Projector: Susan Rohan;

11:00: Greet: Gary Halverson; Reader & Communion server: Teresa Martindale; Projector: Emily Baker;

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns: Don Cowell, Ben Heien, Mary Rose Hemme, Jamie Huber, Linda Kunzmann, Sandy Manwarren, Kim McCune, Mike Palm, Steve Salts; Barbara Wood (*Betty Lee's sister*); Judy Johnson (*Jan Keck's mother*); Rick Dietrich (*Pam Bjorklund's brother*);

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETWEEN SERVICES Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship in the church parlor between services. Please join us for coffee, cookies/doughnuts and lively conversation.

SUMMER FUN EVENTS Ingham Okoboji Camp kicks-off the summer today with activities, skits, games, ice cream, & more! Kids aged K—6 are welcome to join the fun, free event held at Ingham Lake Bible Camp (2258 450th Ave Wallingford) from 2-6pm. Parents are welcome to stay, too! An ice cream social with program, supper & pie auction follows. All are welcome

YOU ARE INVITED!! On Saturday, June 16 at 7pm, we will welcome **Zoe!!** a middle school, ecumenical musical group from Fremont, NE. **Zoe!!** is coming to Bethany to present their music & drama ministry entitled, "Grace Wins". Twenty-four students will share the message of Christ's unconditional love and grace for us through song and drama!! Everyone is welcome – we hope you'll join us for this special evening presentation! Following their stop at Bethany, they will be off to Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp for a performance on Sunday, June 17.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY The Western Iowa Synod ELCA 2018 Assembly will be held at the Sioux City Convention Center next weekend (June 8-10). Assembly theme is "We are the Church for the Sake of the World". Sue Boblit and Jamie Blume will attend as voting delegates for Bethany. An "in-kind" offering drive, "Blast Off for Books" will benefit the Houston Literacy Campaign. For details and to support the book drive, look for a poster on the bulletin board by the church office. Please leave donations in the designated basket at the Welcome Center.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Mark July 22-26 on your calendar and save these dates for Day Camp at Bethany. Lakeside Lutheran Camp staff will be here to lead our “campers” (ages Kindergarten-Grade 6) through a week of fun, bible study, games, worship, crafts and more. Look for registration forms at the Welcome Center this month!

LIFE’S SPECIAL OCCASIONS Would you like to bring some goodies for fellowship hour to celebrate a special occasion (wonderful news, birthday, anniversary, new grandchild, etc.) 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. If interested, sign up at the Welcome Center.

GLOBAL MISSION If you read the extra news item in last month’s edition of the Bethany Herald, you know that Bethany recently sent scholarships to two seminary students in the Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT) – a companion synod of the Western Iowa Synod of the ELCA. Check out the bulletin board in the Narthex to see pictures of these students and to find out a little more about them.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER Bethany Youth and friends are volunteering in the concession stand at Pedersen Park to raise funds for activities. Look for them Thursday evenings through June 28. Shift hours are from 5 PM-10 PM. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to help. If you’d like to do this, sign up on the Youth bulletin board. Thanks for helping!

DIRECTORY PICTURES The free 8x10 photos of your directory pictures have started arriving. They are filed alphabetically in a box near the Welcome Center. When you pick up your picture, please find your name on one of the packing lists at the front of the box and place your initials and date received in the space provided. Thank you!

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS We are looking for help in the office to answer the telephone Tuesday afternoons during staff meeting. Our meeting begins at 2pm and would last about 1 to 1 ½ hours. If you are able to help with this, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

DOUBLE YOUR GIFT Give during the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Summer Matching Gift Challenge and help more families around the world who have suffered from natural and man-made disasters. Gifts give to support LWR missions during the Summer Matching Gift Challenge, between now and July 24 will be matched – up to a total of \$106,285.

SEEKING WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS 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. Look for the June--July sign-up forms at the Welcome Center and sign up to help! Want to help, but not sure what to do? Put a note by your name when you sign up and we will contact you with more information. Thanks for being a worship volunteer!!

FOOD DRIVE WEEK The June food drive for Upper Des Moines starts next Sunday (Jun 10-17). Our April & May drives netted over 150# of food and hygiene items for the pantry. Once again, please bring your donations and leave them in the baskets by the Welcome Center. We will deliver them to Upper Des Moines. Thank you for your continued support of this mission!

CHOIR SCHEDULE Choir members, please note the summer choir schedule as follows:

- June 10: meet at 8:00, sing "Lord of All Being" at 8:30 service, rehearse 10:00-10:45, sing "Lord of All Being" as prelude to 11:00 service
- June 17: meet at 8:00, sing "I Know Where I'm Going" at 8:30 service, rehearse 10:00-10:45, sing "I Know Where I'm Going" as prelude to 11:00 service
- June 24: meet at 8:00, sing "Amazing Grace" at 8:30 service, rehearse 10:00-10:45, sing "Amazing Grace" as prelude to 11:00 service

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 3

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am St. Luke Round Up
9:45 am Fellowship
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship

Monday, June 4

8:30 am Lakeside Lutheran Day Camp Training
1:30 pm Stonecroft Bible Study

Tuesday, June 5

2:00 pm Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Parish Education Committee

Wednesday, June 6

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
5:00 pm Caring Friends
5:45 pm Youth Committee

Thursday, June 7

5:00 pm Concession Stand

Friday, June 8 - Western IA Synod Assembly through June 10

Saturday, June 9

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, June 10

8:00 am Choir Practice
8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Fellowship
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship