

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH - THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 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

Gathering Hymn: *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* ELW 733

First Reading Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalm 30 Read responsively by whole verse

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Gospel Mark 5:21-43

Sermon Pastor Jen Henry

Hymn of the Day: *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"* ELW 614

Offering

Communion Hymn: *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* ELW 471 (8:30)

Sending Hymn: *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"* ELW 543

Postlude

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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 this information! 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.

A special thank you to Deb Mechler for helping with our worship music while Stephen is away.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers:

8:30: Greeters; Randy & Sue Rieck; Reader: Judy Hiemstra; Communion servers: Donna Jones, Mary Marske, Sue Metcalf ; Usher: Gary Halverson, Bruce Klenken; Acolyte: Autumn Erdman, Mallory Klemme; Recorder: Sandi Schmidt ; Projector: Matt Kuehler;
11:00: Greeter: Joanne Schar ; Reader: Joanne Schar ; Communion server: _____; Projector: Matt Kuehler;

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns:

Jo Beving, Don Cowell, Ben Heien, Mary Rose Hemme, Elaine Hermanson,
Jamie Huber, Linda Kunzmann, Sandy Manwarren, Kim McCune, Mike Palm,
Gordon Quail, Steve Salts, Laurie Swenson;
Rick Dietrich (*Pam Bjorklund's brother*);
Roseana Titterington (*Sheryl Thu's mother*);

Those who mourn:

The family of Beverly Olson (*Susan Groshen's mother*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETWEEN SERVICES Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship in the church parlor between services. Fellowship treats today are provided by Mary Rose Hemme. Please join us for coffee, cookies/doughnuts and lively conversation.

BINGO!!! Bethany is helping with Bingo at St. Luke in July! We've been collecting prizes and on Friday, July 6 we'll be at St. Luke to assist the residents with BINGO! Many, many thanks to everyone who has donated prizes. There's still a couple spots for volunteers on July 6 – are you able to help? Look for more information and sign up at the Welcome Center. Thank you for your continued support of our nursing home ministry partnership with St. Luke Homes!

HOME DELIVERED MEALS Folks at Bethany Lutheran are called up to assist Elderbridge Agency on Aging on Thursdays and Fridays in July with their meal delivery program, Spencer Home Delivered Meals. There is one route to cover. We are closing in on this assignment and still have some blanks to fill. July 12,13 July 20 & July 26,27. Are you able to help? Look for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Thank you for considering helping with Spencer Home Delivered Meals!!

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP AT LONGHOUSE Bethany is scheduled to provide programs for “Friday Fellowship” at Longhouse in July. This is an opportunity for all ages. Show and tell about a hobby or collection; reminisce on farming, a special trip, or topic of interest; share a talent; perform a skit, the residents will enjoy your company! Programs are Friday afternoons at 2:30pm in the North Unit of Longhouse, with coffee served at 3pm. A presenter is needed for July 27th. Look for a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center to claim that Friday in July!

ADOPT—A—PLOT In an effort to share the outdoor chores, garden beds around the church have been divided into specific areas. Claim a spot to care for! It becomes your ministry. Control those weeds! Beautify Bethany!! Many hands make the work light. Look for posters in the Welcome Center and sign up to help as you are able!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL This fun-filled event is just a couple weeks away – Monday, July 23 through Thursday, July 26! Lakeside Lutheran Camp staff will be here to lead our “campers” through a week of fun, bible study, games, worship, crafts and more. Kids aged Kindergarten through grade 6 are invited to attend evening sessions from 5:30-8:30 pm. Look for registration forms and more information at the Welcome Center this month!

SEEKING WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS Each worship service comes together through the help of many people. Please look over the schedule for June & July at the Welcome Center and help fill in some of the blanks. Thank you for volunteering – we appreciate it!!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE On Sunday, July 29 join us at the East Leach Park Bandshell at 9:00am for a special outdoor worship service. If you’re able, please bring a chair or a blanket to sit on. The Vacation Bible School kids will be singing at this service. We’ll enjoy food and fellowship following worship. If it’s raining we will move to the Sanctuary at Bethany for this service. Mark your calendars—one service—July 29, 9am.

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!

GARDEN FLOWERS ARE GREAT! The Bethany Altar Guild extends an invitation --- if you have garden flowers that you would like to arrange and share as altar flowers, feel free to do so. Please check the “flowers chart” in the narthex to make sure no one has already signed up. Fill out a card with the information and leave it at the church office.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL All are welcome and invited to join the great food and fellowship at the Lost Island Lutheran Ice Cream Social – Sunday, July 8 from 4-7pm. They will be serving maidrites, pie and ice cream for a free-will donation. A progressive organ recital with Glenn Henriksen starts at 1:30pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Ruthven, then proceeds to the Catholic Church in Ruthven, then moves to Ruthven United Methodist and concludes at Lost Island Lutheran to share the Ice Cream Social. This is a fun free event!!

EMAIL SNAFU We have had several people let us know that email messages from Bethany are going into their SPAM folder. If you receive the Bethany Herald (or any other correspondence from Bethany) via email and are no longer finding it in your email inbox, be sure to check your SPAM folder, it could be there!

MISSING EASEL We are missing a large, wooden easel that was loaned out within the last few months. If you know anything about this or have seen the easel, please let us know at the church office (262-2327). Thank you!

ELCA ADVOCACY This department of the greater church works for change in public policy based on the experience of Lutheran ministries, programs, and projects around the world and in communities across the United States. Our faith calls us to learn more and speak out on issues affecting our vulnerable neighbors and the forces threatening creation. For an abundance of resources that will educate and equip you to be a more effective advocate visit this website: <https://www.elca.org/Resources/Advocacy> and let your voice be heard!

NEWSLETTER NOTE The July newsletter will be showing up in your mailbox soon. Just a reminder – the month at a glance calendar is no longer included in our monthly newsletter mailing. Copies are available at the Welcome Center or online. Remember to pick one up when you are here!

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 1

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Fellowship

11:00 am Worship

Monday, July 2

1:30 pm Stonecroft Bible Study

2:30 pm St. Luke Auxiliary Meeting

Tuesday, July 3

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day – Church Office Closed

Thursday, July 5

10:45 am Spencer Home Delivered Meals (at SAAC)

Friday, July 6

10:45 am Spencer Home Delivered Meals (at SAAC)

2:30 pm BINGO at St. Luke Home

2:30 pm Friday Fellowship at Longhouse/Northshire

Saturday, July 7

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, July 8

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Fellowship

11:00 am Worship