

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH – THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 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>"Joy to the World"</i>	(Weeknight Music II, 8:30)
<i>"Silent Night"</i>	(11:00)
Gathering Hymn: <i>"Joy to the World"</i>	ELW 267
First Reading	I Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8	Chanted: Tone 5
Second Reading	Ephesians 4:25—5:2
Gospel	John 6:35, 41-51
Sermon	Pastor Jen Henry
Hymn of the Day: <i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</i>	ELW 279
Offering: <i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	ELW 289
Communion Hymn: <i>"O Come, All Ye Faithful"</i>	ELW 283
Sending Hymn: <i>"Go Tell It on the Mountain"</i>	ELW 290
Postlude: <i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</i> - Roger Wilson	

\* \* \*

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. 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.

Today's altar flowers are given by Doug and Pam Bjorklund in honor and celebration of their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping with services to day:

**8:30:** Greet: Marla Woelber; Read: Mary Marske; Acolyte: Ian Youngdahl;  
Communion servers: Sharon Cameron, Twila Henning, Mary Marske; Usher:  
Doug & Pam Bjorklund, Gary Koenig, Donna Jones; Recorder: Sandi Schmidt;  
Projector: Mary Ann Quail **11:00:** Greet: Judy Sorenson; Read: Stephen Baker;  
Projector: Mary Ann Quail;

### **PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS**

Health Concerns: Debbie Anderson, Jo Beving, Don Cowell, John Fogarty, Ben Heien, Mary Rose Hemme, Jamie Huber, Ivan Kleve, Sandy Manwarren, Kim McCune, Keith Orr, Steve Salts, Gayle Simons; Rick Dietrich (*Pam Bjorklund's brother*); Kayson Cameron (*Mark & Sharon Cameron's grandchild*);

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**TRAVELOUGE: JORDAN AND ISRAEL** This afternoon Pastor Jen and Jerry will present a second session travelogue highlighting pictures and stories of their recent travels to Jordan and Israel. Come to the Dining Room downstairs from 5-6:30pm to hear tales of their travels. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome, bring your family & friends!

**LOVING SPENCER AUGUST** Loving Spencer is focusing this month on "Filling the Storehouses". Many thanks to volunteers who helped with the Mobile Food Pantry at Spencer Seventh Day Adventist Church this past Tuesday. For the remainder of August we will work to help "fill the storehouses" by making donations of non-perishable food items or toiletries to Upper Des Moines Outreach Food Pantry. You can either leave donations in the baskets marked "Food Pantry" at the Welcome Center or take your donations directly to the UDMO pantry at 714 10<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Suite 2. August can be an exceptionally difficult month for families to make ends meet, sometimes having to choose between registering kids for school and buying groceries. Thanks for helping!

**MANY HANDS MARKET** Bring your hands and talents and become part of the team! There are numerous opportunities for volunteers to share their skills. If interested, stop by the store at 1019 S Grand Avenue or call 712-580-4563 to find out how you can help. Thanks!

**CALLING ALL GOLFERS** The month of August presents a couple opportunities for Lutherans (and others) to enjoy a day of golf and support some great causes. The Western Iowa Synod Bishop's Charity Open is Wednesday, August 15. Busy that day? Consider joining in the Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic on Saturday, August 18. Both tournaments are being held at Okoboji View Golf Course. See the bulletin board for more information about either of these golfing events!!

**GARDEN PRODUCE** *Got some? Need some?* Take or leave some—on the table in the Narthex!

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** Our Back Pack Blessing will be Sunday, August 19 during both worship services. This milestone event is for students of ALL ages and teachers who are headed back to school. So bring your backpack with you to worship on Sunday, August 19 to receive a special blessing and gift.

**130TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** Come, celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Bethany Lutheran Church! Our Jell-O-bration celebration is planned for Sunday, August 19 between services in the basement dining room. We invite members of the congregation to bring their favorite Jell-O to be judged on most creative, most colorful, best display, most ingredients and tastiest. While the judging is going on we will play Jell-O Trivia. Surely you can't wait to find out what denomination eats the most Jell-O or what role Jell-O played in a major spy ring! Bring your favorite stories of Bethany's history and find out what essential home utility one couple gave up to fund the building of Bethany's first church building. Everyone is welcome!!

**THE BETHANY HERALD** Our monthly church newsletter is typically mailed at the end of each month either via U.S. mail or email, depending on your preference. If you are a member and not receiving our newsletter, please stop by or give a call to the church office (262-2327) to let us know. Non-members are welcome to receive the newsletter, too – likewise, just let us know that you'd like to get on our mailing list. Also, just a reminder – if you have information to be included in the September issue of The Bethany Herald, please email ([bethany@bethluthspencer.com](mailto:bethany@bethluthspencer.com)) or turn in to the church office by Monday, August 20. Thank you.

**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY & SALAD SUPPER** The Gather Magazine summer bible study "Let Us Pray" concludes with the third and final session on Monday, August 20 at 5:30pm. The expressions of prayer is the topic of this study. Pastor Jen will lead. We'll begin with a fellowship salad supper. Please bring a favorite salad to share. Copies of the study are available at the Welcome Center. Invite a friend and plan to join us! (*Note: It is not necessary to have attended the other sessions.*)

**LONGHOUSE/NORTHSHIRE WORSHIP** On Sunday, August 26, Bethany will lead worship services for residents at Longhouse & Northshire homes. Services begin at 4:45pm. Anyone is welcome to join in worship with the residents and it is always nice to have extra voices to join in singing. If you are able to come meet at the main entrance of Longhouse at 4:30pm!

**YOUTH PROGRAMS RESUMING** A confirmation orientation meeting for students and parents happens Wednesday, August 29 at 6pm. Mark your calendar and watch your mailbox for a letter with more information for Confirmation families regarding the 2018-2019 class year. Bethany Youth Group will meet that evening at 7:45pm for a time of fellowship.

**THREE SIDES PODCAST** Typically it's said that there are two sides to every story. But often a middle or third side of a story is revealed providing another side to consider. Three Sides is a monthly podcast featuring stories from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). As a church that believes God is calling us into the world – together Three Sides presents diverse voices from across the ELCA. Log on to [www.livinglutheran.org](http://www.livinglutheran.org) and click on "Podcast" and listen as unique stories from across this church are shared.

**SHARE A PIC!** You may have noticed that we've had pictures interspersed in the Sunday on-screen announcements. We'd like to feature some snapshots provided by you! If you have a favorite shot that you'd like to share, please email it to: [bethany@bethluthspencer.com](mailto:bethany@bethluthspencer.com) or bring it to the office and we will scan a digital image and have it "on the big screen". Thanks!

**BETHANY COLLEGE STUDENTS** Your church family want to keep in touch with you! We'd love to know when and where you'll be heading back to school, what you're up to and to pray for you throughout the school year. Please send Katie an email ([youthdirector@bethluthspencer.com](mailto:youthdirector@bethluthspencer.com)) or a text with your contact information (address, email, etc.) where you'll be this year!

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL** Bethany's church council met Tuesday night, July 17, and we agreed that we should give our church membership an update on two items. First, we are halfway through 2018 and our income is about \$5,000 ahead of this time in 2017, but our expenses are about \$15,000 more than our income thus far in 2018. Please consider helping us to get to a positive income at Bethany. Many members are doing automated giving which is a way to give to the church on a regular basis without having to write the check. It also covers your giving if you are gone on a Sunday. This is a very effective way to give and to help Bethany's budget. Second, Pastor Jen is halfway through her 3-year commitment to our church. She agreed to serve less than fulltime for her first three years and then decide if we are ready to support a fulltime pastor. We as a council want to share this information with you as we feel we have a great staff at Bethany and we want to continue to grow. Please consider how you can help and give as you feel blessed.

*Gary Halverson, Council President*

## **CALENDAR**

Sunday, August 12 *Food Drive Month– Help fill the storehouses for the hungry in our community*

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Fellowship

11:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Ah-Ha Moments of Jordan & Israel Trip (Pr. Jen & Jerry present)

Tuesday, August 14

12:00 pm Pastor's Text Study

6:00 pm Faith in Action

6:30 pm Parish Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 15

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

4:30 pm BEME Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 16

5:30 pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Saturday, August 18

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, August 19

8:30 am Worship with Blessing of the Backpacks Milestone

9:45 am 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jell-O-Bration!

11:00 am Worship with Blessing of the Backpacks Milestone