

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH—FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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: *"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"* - Arr. S. Baker

Gathering Hymn: *"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"* ELW 520

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalm 15 Chanted alternately by men and women (Tone V)

Second Reading James 1:17-27

Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon: Written by Pastor Jen Henry
Read by Stephen Baker

Hymn of the Day: *"O Living Bread from Heaven"* ELW 542

Offering: *"Just As I Am, without One Plea"* ELW 592

Sending Hymn: *"This Is My Father's World"* ELW 824

Postlude: *"Let Justice Flow like Streams"* - Arr. S. Baker

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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. 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.

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

8:30: Greet: Gary & Kathie Halverson; Read: Judy Hiemstra;
Acolyte: Aliza Huntoon, Karter Petzenhauser; Usher: Gary Halverson,
Bruce Klenken; Recorder: Sandi Witt; Projector: Emily Baker;

11:00: Greet: Gary & Kathie Halverson; Read: Kathie Halverson;
Projector: Emily Baker;

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns:

Elsie Anderson, Jo Beving, Don Cowell, John Fogarty, Ben Heien, Mary Rose Hemme,
Jamie Huber, Ivan Kleve, Sandy Manwarren, Kim McCune, Keith Orr, Steve Salts;
Rick Dietrich (*Pam Bjorklund's brother*);

Kayson Cameron (*Mark & Sharon Cameron's grandchild*);

Those who mourn: The family of Ted Pfeiff (*Miriam Patton's father*)

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.

PICTURE DIRECTORY The membership pictorial directories arrived Friday!! Look for a table in the Narthex after worship and pick up your copy today!!

AUGUST LOVING SPENCER Thank you, thank you, thank you!! For the donations of non-perishable food/hygiene items, and for cash donations given to the Upper Des Moines food pantry – the focus of our August Loving Spencer project. Thank you, too, to those who served at the Mobile Food Pantry held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on August. 7. We appreciate all efforts to “help fill the storehouses” for those in our community who are food insecure!

BETHANY MUSIC PROGRAMS RESUMING Be on the lookout for a music rehearsals schedule at the Welcome Center. Choir, bells, ukes, and weeknight music rehearsals will resume in September for the 2018-2019 program year. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please speak with Bethany's Director of Music, Stephen Baker.

RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23 The H.U.G. (Hands Unto God) Puppet Team is coming back to Bethany for Rally Day – Sunday, September 23!! Come for fellowship after (or before) worship in the Dining Room downstairs from 9:45-10:45am. Register the kids for Sunday School and see the Puppet Team perform a variety of acts. Fun for all ages! Also, this is a milestone Sunday for our third graders as they will be presented with a new Bible at the 8:30am worship service. And, at our 11am service the Bethany Youth Group will lead us in worship!!! Mark your calendars now and plan to be here as you won't want to miss this special day!!

GEARING UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL We are in need of Sunday school teachers for the 2018-2019 program year. Two teachers per class room are needed for insurance purposes. Grades in need are 1st-8th. Parents and other adults – please consider signing up to teach. If you have questions about this or are interested in helping out, please speak with Katie Hare, Director of Youth and Family Ministries.

LDR: YOU CAN HELP \$2 – Let’s do it again!! Last year Bethany raised \$304 for Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR). This year, look on the table in the church parlor where items are spread out for viewing and purchase. Fun items, “Just-What-I-Need” items, gift items. Each is \$2. And you will be letting victims of disaster know the people at Bethany care.

GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS DAY Lutheran Lakeside Camp invites congregations to join in a God’s Work—Our Hands event at the camp on Sunday, September 9. This will be a time to help with various projects– from tree removal, cleaning, decluttering and winter preparation – there will be something to do for all ages and abilities. Come when you are able! An evening meal will be served in the Dining Hall for all to enjoy at 5:30pm. Your participation is greatly needed and deeply appreciated. *Can’t make this date?* Bethany Lutheran has set a “God’s Work – Our Hands” date for October 20! Plan now to join us in this community service date. Custom T-shirts will be available for all participants to purchase and wear. Shirts are yellow in color with the words “God’s Work. Our Hands.” on the front & “Bethany Lutheran Church” on the back. See order forms at the Welcome Ctr.

BIBLE MILESTONE Our third grade students will receive their very own Bible on Sunday, September 23 at the 8:30 worship service. REMINDER to Third Grade families: please plan to meet on Wednesday, September 19 at 5:30pm to write a special message in your student’s Bible. I’ll have all the items needed in the Parlor. If you’re unable to be here on either date, please let Katie know.

DIVORCE CARE This is a 13-week non-denominational divorce recovery series for anyone who is divorced, in the process of, separated or has ended a long-term relationship. Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 9 at Hope Church Grace Room. See poster on bulletin board for details.

FALL INTO A RETREAT There are plenty of opportunities coming up to relax, rejuvenate and just take a break from the routine. Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp offers a variety of recharges and retreats in the fall. Log on to their website to see what’s coming up and to get registered. Also, the Western IA Synod Women’s Organization (WISWO) has a women’s retreat planned for September 29 and invite you to join them for a relaxing day of fun and fellowship. Look for registration forms at the Welcome Center!

LOVING SPENCER SEPTEMBER This month’s project “Teachers Deliver” is geared toward teachers, and how fitting with school just underway! Teachers do more than just teach – they inspire, encourage and motivate our kids! Often budgets for classroom supplies are limited so “Loving Spencer” September is focusing on this need. To find out how to help, see p. 5 in the September issue of *The Bethany Herald* or log on to www.bethluthspencer.com. Thanks!

MISSION TRIPS ANNOUNCED At their meeting last Wednesday Bethany youth & confirmation students learned of two mission trip opportunities coming up – a mini-mission trip weekend taking the “Urban Plunge” in Sioux Falls this November and a summer 2019 youth mission trip to West Virginia. Talk to Bethany’s Youth Director – Katie Hare – for more details and to get signed up!!

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 2

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Fellowship

11:00 am Worship

Monday, September 3

Labor Day Holiday – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 4

2:30 pm St. Luke Auxiliary Meeting

6:00 pm Faith in Action Committee

7:00 pm Evangelism Committee

Wednesday, September 5

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

5:00 pm Caring Friends

5:45 pm Youth Committee Meeting

7:00 pm Confirmation

7:45 pm BYG – Bethany Youth Group

Thursday, September 6

9:30 am Spencer Ministerial Association

Saturday, September 8

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, September 9

Food Drive Week for UDMO through 8/16

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Fellowship

11:00 am Worship