

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH- SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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: *"Sonata 7 in D: Allegretto"* - L.V. Beethoven

Gathering Hymn: Setting 8 Kyrie

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146 Chanted (Tone I)

Second Reading James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Gospel Mark 7:24-37

Sermon Pastor Jen Henry

Hymn of the Day: *"Jesus Loves Me"* Screen

Offering: *"O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True"* ELW 675

Communion Hymn: *"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"* ELW 538

Sending Hymn: *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"* ELW 708

Postlude: *"Pieces Froides: Danses Travers"* - Eric Satie

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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. 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.

Many thanks to worship volunteers helping with services today: **8:30**-Greet: Gary Halverson; Read: Susan Rohan; Communion Servers: Susan Rohan, Mary Marske, Gary Halverson; Acolyte: Josh Quail; Usher: Doug & Pam Bjorklund, Gary Koenig, Donna Jones; Recorder: Sandi Witt; Projector: Mary Ann Quail; **11:00**-Greet: Gary & Kathie Halverson; Read: TBA; Communion server: TBA; Projector: Mary Ann Quail;

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns:

Jo Beving, Don Cowell, John Fogarty, Ben Heien, Mary Rose Hemme, Jamie Huber, Sandy Manwarren, Kim McCune, Keith Orr, Steve Salts;

Rick Dietrich (*Pam Bjorklund's brother*);

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

Those who mourn:

Family of Bill Cooper (*Tori & Payton Cooper's uncle*);

Family of Ivan Kleve;

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 have arrived! Look for a table in the Narthex after worship and pick up your copy today. If you did not get your picture taken for the directory and would like to, stop by the table to let us know. We are working on getting a date set for Lifetouch to return. Thank you!

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.

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.

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! We'll celebrate a faith milestone (see below) and, at our 11am service the Bethany Youth Group is leading worship. Mark your calendars now and plan to be here as you won't want to miss this special day!

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 this evening (Sept. 9) at Hope Church Grace Room. See bulletin board for full details.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS DAY Lutheran Lakeside Camp invites you to join in a God's Work—Our Hands event at the camp today. This is a time to help with various projects—from tree removal, cleaning, and winter preparation – something 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 Saturday, October 20 (mark your calendar)! Plan now to join us in day of this community service. 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 and "Bethany Lutheran Church" on the back. Look for order forms at the Welcome Center.

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 in the parlor on Wednesday, September 19 at 5:30pm to write a special message in your student's Bible. If you're unable to be here on either date, please let Katie know.

FAIR-RELATED CHANGES Just a reminder of a few calendar changes due to the Clay County Fair. There will be no Wednesday evening youth activities and the Women of Bethany Fun & Fellowship missions work group will not meet on Thursday.

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!

AUGUST LOVING SPENCER 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 need in our community.

FOOD DRIVE WEEK Our monthly food drive for the Upper Des Moines Food Pantry run the second full week of each month, which just happens to be fair week this month (Sept 9-16). Let's make this "a blue ribbon week" for our food pantry stocking efforts! The church is on the way to the fairgrounds. Throughout the week, as you are going by, drop off donations of non-perishable food or personal hygiene supplies. We will make sure that they are delivered to the UDMO center. Thank you for your continued support of these efforts to help those in need in our community!

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 the September issue of *The Bethany Herald* or log on to www.bethluthspencer.com.

MISSION TRIPS ANNOUNCED At their recent orientation meeting Bethany youth and confirmation students learned of two mission trip opportunities coming up – a mini-mission trip weekend taking the "Urban Plunge" in Sioux Falls November 9-11 and a summer 2019 youth mission trip to West Virginia (date to be determined). Talk to Bethany's Youth Director – Katie Hare – for more details and to get signed up!!

BISHOP TO VISIT BETHANY On Sunday, September 16 Bishop Rodger Prois will join us in worship and share a special message. Rodger Prois was elected bishop of the synod and install into the office in 2013. Bishop Prois has primary responsibility for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in this synod and its congregations, providing pastoral care and leadership for this synod, its congregations its ordained ministers and other rostered leaders. The synod bishop ordains approved candidates for ministry as well as consecrates and commissions lay rostered leaders. The bishop is the chief ecumenical officer of the synod. He exercises leadership in the mission of this church, including oversight of the synod's companion synod relationships with the Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile. While seeking to preserve the unity of the Church, the bishop oversees and administers the work of the synod.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 9 - *Food Drive Week for UDMO through 9/16*

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Fellowship

11:00 am Worship

Tuesday, September 11

11:45 pm Staff Lunch & Meeting

Wednesday, September 12

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

Confirmation & Youth Group will not meet

Thursday, September 13 - *Fun & Fellowship will not meet*

Saturday, September 15

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, September 16 - *Fall Pastors Theological Convocation @ Griswold thru 9/18*

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Fellowship

11:00 am Worship