

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH- SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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>"Prelude & Fugue in E Minor"</i> - Nicolaus Bruhns	
Gathering Hymn: <i>"O God in Heaven"</i> (vs. 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3)	ELW 748
First Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9	Chanted, Tone I
Second Reading	James 3:1-12
Gospel	Mark 8:27-38
Sermon	Bishop Roger Prois
Hymn of the Day: <i>"Will You Come and Follow Me"</i>	ELW 798
Offering: <i>"Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele"</i> - J.S. Bach	
Communion Hymn: <i>"Borning Cry"</i>	ELW 732
Sending Hymn: <i>"Praise and Thanks and Adoration"</i>	ELW 783
Postlude: <i>"Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele"</i> - Johann Pachelbel	

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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 and be sure to mark 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 welcome to Bishop Rodger Prois from the Western Iowa Synod. Prois was elected bishop of the synod and installed 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.

Many thanks to these volunteers helping with our worship services today:

8:30-Greet: Mary & Zia Fiedler, Gary Lundquist; Read: Don Moore; Communion Servers: Mary Marske, Katie Hare; Acolyte: Ethan Stave; Usher: Dick & Betty Schmidt, Marla Woelber, Roger Clarke, Recorder: Matt Burns; Projector: Susan Rohan;
11:00-Greet: Gary Halverson; Read: Dennis Peterson; Projector: Susan Rohan;

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns

Jo Beving, Don Cowell, John Fogarty, Ben Heien, Mary Rose Hemme, Jamie Huber, Sandy Manwarren, Kim McCune, Keith Orr, Mike Palm, 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; Family of Marian Crane;

Other concerns:

Joel & Rachel Watters & family missionaries in Costa Rica

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

RALLY SUNDAY The H.U.G. (Hands Unto God) Puppet Team will be at Bethany for Rally Day – next 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. Be here for this special day!

GEARING UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL We are in need of Sunday school teachers for grades 1-4 for the 2018-2019 program year. Substitute teachers are also needed. 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.

BIBLE MILESTONE As a part of Bethany's milestone ministries, next Sunday (9/23) at our 8:30 worship service all students in our third grade Sunday School class will receive a new Bible. REMINDER to Third Grade families: please plan to meet in the parlor on Wednesday, September 19 at 5:30pm to personalize your child's Bible with a note inside the cover and mark favorite verses. Then be sure to be here on Sunday, Sept. 23 for presentation. Bible Adventure classes for the kids will be held at 4pm on Wednesdays in October.

BETHANY MUSIC PROGRAMS RESUMING Be on the lookout for a music rehearsals schedule at the Welcome Center. Choir, bells, ukes, and weeknight music kids are back in action 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.

ST. LUKE ROUND UP Next Sunday, September 23 is our opportunity to help with "round-up" at St. Luke. A few more volunteers are needed to help get the residents to their Sunday morning worship. Want to help? See details and sign up at the Welcome Center!

BENEFIT BREAKFAST A fundraiser omelette breakfast to benefit Kim McCune happens next Sunday, September 23 from 8am-1pm at the American Legion Hall (2320 Hwy Blvd). In February Kim's husband, Bill, passed away from cancer and shortly after Kim found out that she was also battling cancer. Please come and show your support for Kim and her son, Jess. All are welcome!

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!

FOOD DRIVE WEEK Many thanks to everyone who made donations for our September food drive for the Upper Des Moines Outreach pantry. We appreciate your continued support of these efforts to help those in need in our community!

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS DAY 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 and turn yours in by Weds. September 26.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE The "you can help \$2 (too!)" fundraiser for Lutheran Disaster Response continues. Look for a table in the parlor with items for sale for \$2. Buy some items to help toward this cause. Your donations can bring God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.

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!

11TH GRADE MILESTONE We have a brand new milestone this year for our 11th grade students. On Sunday, September 30th at the 8:30 AM service, we will celebrate a life milestone for these students: a driver's license. We'll have a blessing & gift to celebrate this milestone for students.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S™ Join a team or as an individual, take steps for a world without Alzheimers at this annual fundraiser event to educate, advocate, raise public awareness and funds for Alzheimer's disease research and support services. The local walk for the cause is next Sunday, September 30 at Leach Park. Registration begins at 12:45pm with a ceremony at 1:45 and the walk starting at 2:00pm. Can't walk—consider a donation. Log on to <https://act.alz.org/>.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 16

Fall Pastors Theological Convocation @ Griswold thru 9/18

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Fellowship

11:00 am Worship

Monday, September 17

6:30 pm Scouts

7:00 pm Ruth Circle

Tuesday, September 18

9:30 pm Priscilla Circle

12:00 pm Pastors Text Study

Wednesday, September 19

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Grade 3 Parents Meeting

7:00 pm Confirmation

7:45 pm BYG

Thursday, September 20 – Herald Deadline

1:30 pm Miriam Circle

4:30 pm Office Support Committee

5:15 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

5:30 pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting

6:30 pm Parish Ed Committee Meeting

7:00 pm Sunday School Teacher Meeting

Saturday, September 22

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

9:00 am Church Council Retreat

^{to} 3:00 pm at Pastor Jen's

Sunday, September 23 – RALLY SUNDAY

8:30 am Worship with Grade 3 Bible Milestone

9:30 am St. Luke Round Up

9:45 am Fellowship & Rally Day Fun with Puppet Show (in the Dining Room)

11:00 am Worship – Youth Sunday