

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH- EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 – 8:30 & 11:00 AM – RALLY SUNDAY**

*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: "Sanctuary" (Instrumental, 8:30)  
"Spinning Song" (Zoey Metcalf, 11:00)

Gathering Hymn: "Sanctuary"

Kyrie (Setting 8)

First Reading

Psalm Chanted Tone VI

Second Reading

Gospel

Sermon: Pastor Jen (8:30)  
BYG Skit (11:00)

Hymn of the Day: "Children of the Heavenly Father" ELW 781

Offering: "Shake Another Hand"

Communion Hymn: "Tuna Omba Mungu Atawale"

Sending Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" ELW 671

Postlude: "Tuna Omba Mungu Atawale" (Instrumental)

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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. Also, please be sure to mark the pad 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. If you have a prayer concern to that you would like to share, please use a "Prayer Request" card located in the pew racks and place in the offering plate.

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.

Altar flowers are in memory of Taylor Jean DeVlaeminck given by Jerry & Cindy DeVlaeminck and family.

Today at our 8:30am worship service our third grade students will be presented a new Bible. This is a part of the Milestone Ministry program at Bethany. See the insert for more details on this faith milestone.

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

**8:30**-Greet: Donna Jones; Read: Mary Marske; Communion Servers: Lois Becker, Mary Marske, Gary Halverson; Acolyte: Mallory Graves; Usher: Kirby Schmidt, George Kruger, Judy Sorenson; Recorder: Sandi Witt; Projector: Emily Baker; **11:00**-Greeters, Readers, Communion Servers, and Projection: Bethany Youth;

### **PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS**

Health Concerns: Jo Beving, Don Cowell, Chris Duffney, David Duffney, John Fogarty, Ben Heien, Mary Rose Hemme, Pastor Jen Henry, Jamie Huber, Sandy Manwarren, Kim McCune, Keith Orr, Mike Palm, Steve Salts; Rick Dietrich (*Pam Bjorklund's brother*); Kayson Cameron (*Mark and Sharon Cameron's grandchild*); Those who mourn: Family of Marian Crane; Other concerns: Joel & Rachel Watters & family missionaries in Costa Rica

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RALLY SUNDAY** Today we're celebrating the start of our Sunday School program! Our special guests are the H.U.G. (Hands Unto God) Puppets. Their energetic and enlightening performance is geared toward an audience of all ages. Please come to the Dining Room on the lower level between services for fellowship and to enjoy the puppet show. All are welcome! Parents, be sure to pick up registration forms and get the kiddos registered for Sunday School. Classes will start next Sunday.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** If you've been thinking about helping with Sunday School please speak with Katie Hare, Director of Youth and Family ministries at Bethany. There's always room for help in the Parish Education department. It's a great way to grow your faith while serving.

**ST. LUKE ROUND UP** A special thanks to Marilyn Meyer, Rita Storm, Jody Vollmer & Laurie Conlon who are helping "round-up" residents for the Sunday morning worship service at St. Luke Homes.

**BENEFIT BREAKFAST** A fundraiser omelet breakfast to benefit Kim McCune is happening today 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!

**SS TEACHER INSTALLATION** Sunday School teachers will be installed at the 8:30am worship service on Sunday, September 30. We are excited to have the kids back in class as we begin the new Sunday School year with lots of opportunities for Christian fellowship and learning.

**11TH GRADE MILESTONE** We have a brand new milestone this year for our 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. On Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BIBLE ADVENTURE CLASSES** Third & fourth grade students will have an opportunity to attend a series of classes to help become familiar with using the Bible. Classes are Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 after school at 4:30pm. If you have any questions, please talk to Katie Hare.

**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.

**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/>.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS** The October-December worship volunteer sign-up forms are out. Look for them at the Welcome Center. Please sign up to help as you are able.

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE** The "you can help \$2 (too!)" fundraiser for Lutheran Disaster Response continues in the parlor with items for sale for \$2. Buy some items to help toward Disaster Relief for those who've experienced catastrophic flooding due to Hurricane Florence. 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](http://www.bethluthspencer.com). Thanks!

**GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS** They're here! Cost is \$7 each. If you would like one, sign up at the Welcome Center & leave money at the office. Calendar sales go toward Bethany Youth programs.

**THE GATHERING COMMUNITY MEAL** On October 9, 2014 our first community meal, "The Gathering" was served at Bethany. Five years later and going strong, our first community meal of this season will be on Thursday, October 11. A preparation meeting is planned for Tuesday September 25 at 4:45 pm. If possible please join us. We will value your recipes and opinions. Please watch the Welcome Center for opportunities to offer your help.

**NAME TAGS** We'd like everyone to have a nametag (kids, too!). If don't have a nametag, have misplaced yours or are a frequent visitor who would like one – we would be happy to make one for you. Look for a "Need a Name Tag" sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center and sign-up. Then, next time you are here for worship look in the name tag rack to find your new name tag. Visitors are encouraged to use adhesive name tags. A supply is kept available at the Welcome Center.

**PICTURE DIRECTORY** If you haven't done so, remember to pick your copy up today!!

**CIRCLE OF CARE** Warner Funeral Home is sponsoring 'CIRCLE OF CARE', a six week grief recovery support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. Sessions begin at 6:30pm on Thursday, October 11 and continue weekly through November 11. Meetings are at the Spencer Area Activity Center (104 E Fourth St). For more information or to register, please contact Diane Sparks at Warner Funeral Home, 262-3640.

**SOLES 4 SOULS** Do you have some shoes in your closet that you don't wear anymore? We are helping "Soles 4 Souls", a program through Village NW Unlimited in Sheldon, by collecting shoes that have wear left in them. Sneakers, high heels, loafers, dress shoes, flip-flops, work shoes – any kind of shoes. Leave them in the collection box at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

**MUSIC SCHEDULE** A schedule of rehearsals through year-end has been compiled and is now available at the Welcome Center. If you're involved with choir, bells, weeknight music, praise team or ukulele group, please be sure to pick one up. If you're thinking about joining a music team at Bethany or have questions, please talk to our Director of Music, Stephen Baker.

## **CALENDAR**

### 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
- 11:00 am Worship – Youth Sunday

### Monday, September 24

- 1:30 pm Stonecroft Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Scouts

### Tuesday, September 25

- 12:00 pm Pastors Text Study
- 2:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Youth Planning Meeting

### Wednesday, September 26

- 10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
- 7:00 pm Confirmation
- 7:45 pm Bethany Youth Group (BYG)

### Saturday, September 29

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

### Sunday, September 30

- 8:30 am Worship with Grade 11 Keychain Milestone
- 9:45 am Fellowship
- 11:00 am Worship



## **BIBLE MILESTONE: PLACING SCRIPTURES IN HANDS & HOMES**

**Leader:** Kids, when they brought you for baptism, your parents promised to place in your hands the Bible, the Holy Scriptures, to nurture your lives in faith and in prayer, to share with others the message of Christ through word and deed, to care for others and all that God has made, and to work for the mercy, justice and peace of God wherever you are. On that same day, this or another congregation promised to help your parents fulfill that promise. Today, we join together in taking an important step toward fulfilling these promises.

This is a special time in your life. You are in the third grade. Reading has become a part of your daily life. You are getting old enough to read the Bible, talk about it with your parents, friends, and teachers at church, and learn from the Bible what it means to live as children of God.

The Bibles that your parents are about to present to you are gifts from your congregational family. These are study Bibles, which are meant to be read, used, and marked up. In the following weeks, during our Milestones Ministry study time together you will begin to learn how to use them.

Parents or other caregivers, please give your children their Bibles saying, *“This is the Word of the Lord.”*

And kids, please respond, *“Thank you, and thanks be to God”!*

*Parents and other caregivers present the Bibles; kids receive them and respond.*

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us pray: *(parents and other caregivers place their hands on the head of their children.)* Gracious God, your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Bless these Bibles, the parents who give them, and the children who receive them. Speak your word to them, so that they may know the promise of your love, trust the goodness of your grace, follow the way that leads from darkness into light, and live as your children, now and forever, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO BETHANY THIRD GRADE STUDENTS

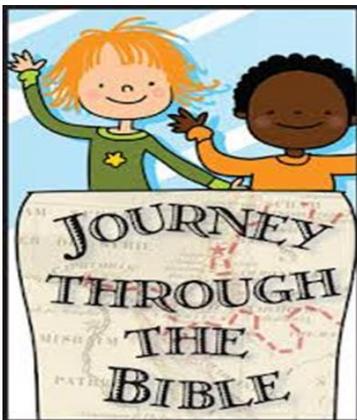
### Child

### Parents

Alayna McEntee -----	John & Janelle McEntee
Brayden Meyer -----	Jacy Meyer
Kendra Manwarren -----	Kelly & Linda Manwarren
Lily McWhirter -----	Ross & Jennifer McWhirter

Each third grade Sunday School student receives a Bible on behalf of the Milestone Ministries program at Bethany Lutheran Church. Faith “milestones” are markers along the journey of life that say *“This is something important and God is here, too!”* Our third graders will have the opportunity to learn how to use their new Bibles at an after-school “Bible Adventure” class coming up next month. See below...

### BIBLE STUDY ADVENTURE CLASS FOR GRADES 3-4



October 3 will start our Wednesday afternoon Bible Adventures Class for third and fourth grade students. Classes will be held on October 3, 10, 17 and 24 and run from 4:30-5:30pm. Parents, if you have difficulty getting your child here at 4:30, they are welcome to come early at 4pm for a snack and game before class begins. A school bus stops at Bethany. If you would like your child to take the bus contact Julie Nemmers in the school transportation department at 262-1118 to make arrangements. Looking forward to Bible adventures with the kids!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER INSTALLATION – Sunday, September 30

#### Teachers

#### Level

Linda Manwarren, Sandy Manwarren -----	Preschool
Jalyce Storley, Onalee Wright -----	Kinderkids/Kindergarten
Sara Falline -----	First & Second Grade
Teacher Needed – Are you able to help? -----	Third & Fourth Grade
Tasha Rutter, Becky Winterboer -----	Fifth & Sixth Grade
Katie Hare, Gary Halverson -----	Seventh & Eighth Grade