

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH– NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 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 in C Major – Bach</i>	John Rahn
Gathering Hymn: <i>“God of the Sparrow”</i>	ELW 740
First Reading	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm 19:7-14	Chanted, Tone IV
Second Reading	James 5:13-20
Gospel Acclamation: <i>“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”</i>	ELW 519
Gospel	Mark 9:38-50
Sermon	Pastor Deb Mechler
Hymn of the Day: <i>“Spirit of Gentleness”</i>	ELW 396
Offering: <i>“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”</i>	ELW 763
Communion Hymn: <i>“Let Us Break Bread Together”</i>	ELW 471
Sunday School Teacher Installation	
Sending Hymn: <i>“Be Thou My Vision”</i>	ELW 793
Dismissal	
Postlude: <i>Invention No. 1 – Bach</i>	John Rahn

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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, be sure to mark the pad if you partake in Holy Communion. Thanks 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 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.

Today at our 8:30 worship service we celebrate a life milestone – driving – for our 11th grade students. Bethany milestone ministries will present a keychain along with a blessing.

Sunday school teachers are installed at worship today. A special thank you to the these individuals volunteering to share their time and talent serving as teachers: Linda Manwarren, Sandy Manwarren, Jalyce Storley, Onalee Wright, Sara Falline, Tasha Rutter, Becky Winterboer, Katie Hare, Stephen Baker, Gary Halverson, Francis Hiemstra, Jamie Blume and Susan Rohan.

A special thank you to Pastor Deb Mechler for leading our worship service today & to John Rahn for our worship music. Many thanks to these volunteers helping with our worship services today: **8:30**-Greet: Dick & Betty Schmidt; Read: Susan Rohan; Communion Servers: Jody Vollmer, Susan Rohan, Kathie Halverson; Acolyte: Mallory Klemme, Mackenzie Manwarren; Usher: Dale Witt, Gary Halverson; Record: Matt Burns; Projector: Matt Kuehler; **11:00**-Greet: Gary & Kathie Halverson; Readers: Gary Halverson; Communion: Kathie Halverson; Projector: Matt Kuehler;

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: The family of Jeff Miller (*Lee & Brenda Miller's nephew*) Other concerns: Joel and Rachel Watters & family missionaries in Costa Rica

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETWEEN SERVICES All are welcome for fellowship in the parlor after worship. Please stop by for coffee, goodies and lively conversation. Sunday school classes begin today for students aged three through eighth grade. Preschoolers aged 3-4 gather in room 9 upstairs. Kinder-kids through grade 6 gather for fellowship and music in the Dining Room downstairs. Grades 7-8 meet in their room in the east wing downstairs.

LAST CALL FOR GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS T-SHIRTS Today is the last day to order a customized “Bethany Lutheran Church” T-shirt for our “God’s Work – Our Hands” day (Saturday, October 20). Order forms are at the Welcome Center. Fill it out and leave a check in the Parish Secretary mailbox at the church office. Then, plan to join us on October 20 for a time of community service. Multiple projects will take place so everyone of every age can participate. See the October Herald for full details. (*Note: It is not necessary to have a T-shirt to participate*). Also, we’re looking for helpers to provide bars for the workers on October 20. If you can help, sign up at the Welcome Center.

CARING FRIENDS This volunteer group visits people who are homebound or in a care center. The Caring Friends team meets on Wednesday, October 3 at 5pm. *Know someone who would like a visit?* Maybe you would like to be a “caring friend”... talk to Onalee Wright (363-5153).

LDR–YOU CAN HELP Lutheran Disaster Response has a great need now–think hurricanes, flooding. Support these efforts with a gift & choose a gift from the table in the parlor. Check it out!!

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. Kids are welcome to come early at 4pm for fellowship and a snack. If you have any questions, please talk to Katie Hare.

URBAN PLUNGE MEETING Bethany Youth grades 7-12 come on Wednesday, October 3 at 6pm for details on this “urban immersion” weekend-mission trip. We’ll meet in the parlor. Those who have signed up for Urban Plunge should attend this meeting. *(If you can’t be here, please let Katie know!)* If you haven’t signed up but are interested – come to this meeting!

THE GATHERING COMMUNITY MEAL The Gathering Committee is gearing up to serve our first community meal of this season on Thursday, October 11. If you would like to provide an apple crisp there is a sign up at the Welcome Center along with the recipe. If you would like to serve or help prepare the dinner please talk to Sandi Witt (580-9593)

FUN & FELLOWSHIP This is our workday for Lutheran World Relief missions. Come to the church dining hall on the lower level on Thursday, October 11 at 9am and work till about noon, at which time we enjoy a potluck lunch together. The quilts we make and the kits we assemble are badly needed in so many places around the world now. Come and join in our efforts to share the love of Christ through these missions. Hands to Work – Hearts to God!

HS & COLLEGE YOUTH EVENT Bethany is hosting a special high school and college youth event on Saturday, October 13! Activities start at 10 AM and continue through 10 PM. This is an opportunity to come together with other youth of Spencer and the surrounding area communities for a day of worship, service projects, games, and more. Cost is \$10. Please talk to Katie Hare, Director of Youth & Family, for details.

JOIN THE MOB—ITS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH! One of the greatest challenges to men's spiritual, mental and physical health is the lack of close friends. Research tells us that men without a circle of close friends are far more likely to suffer from such things as anxiety and heart disease. Healthy men are connected to Christ and each other. **Men Of Bethany (MOB)** meet every Saturday morning at 7:30am for breakfast and a Bible study. This group welcomes everyone! Come as you are – enjoy the fellowship – you’ll leave feeling better. 😊

LUTHERAN LAKESIDE CAMP The annual meeting of Lutheran Lakeside Camp is Saturday, Oct. 13 and will include surprise for Ranger Z celebrating his 10th anniversary as property manager. It’s a new day at Lakeside please come and support Lakeside while sharing your thoughts, opinions, and ideas with the new director, Brittney Swanson. Lunch at noon. Followed by camp tours. Meeting will be at 1pm.

NEW MEMBER INQUIRY Are you thinking about joining Bethany? Come to a membership inquiry class to be held between services at 10am on Sunday, October 14. We will receive new members to the Bethany congregation at worship on Sunday, October 21!

LOOKING AHEAD Auditions for “The Wonder”, this year’s Sunday School Christmas program, are happening on Tuesday, October 16 for adults and children. If you’re interested in a part, come to the Sanctuary at 6pm!

GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS Beautiful pictures & scriptures are two great reasons to pick up a copy of the 2019 God's Creation Calendar. Cost is only \$7.00! Plus, your purchase helps support the youth program at Bethany. Now that's a bargain! Sign up at the Welcome Center to reserve your copy.

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 please use adhesive name tags. A supply is available at the Welcome Center.

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.

MUSIC SCHEDULE An October music rehearsals schedule has been compiled and is 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 30

8:30 am Worship with Sunday School Teacher Installation & Grade 11 Keychain Milestone

9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School

11:00 am Worship & Sunday School Teacher Installation

Monday, October 1

1:30 pm Stonecroft Bible Study

2:30 pm St. Luke Auxiliary Meeting

Tuesday, October 2

12:00 pm Pastors Text Study

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 3

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

4:00 pm Bible Adventures for Grades 3-4

5:00 pm Caring Friends Meeting

5:45 pm Youth Committee Meeting

6:00 pm Urban Plunge Meeting

7:00 pm Confirmation

7:45 pm **Bethany Youth Group (BYG)**

Thursday, October 4

9:30 am Spencer Ministerial Association

5:15 pm Stewardship Committee

Saturday, October 6

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, October 7

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School

11:00 am Worship