

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH- REFORMATION SUNDAY
AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM -- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018 – 10:00AM

*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: *"Toccatà in F Major"* - J.S. Bach

Gathering Hymn: *"Salvation Unto Us Has Come"* ELW 590

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46 Chanted, tone 1

Second Reading Romans 3:19-28

Gospel John 8:31-36

Sermon Pastor Jen Henry

Hymn of the Day: *"A Mighty Fortress"* ELW 504

Offering: *"Fugue in F Major"* - J.S. Bach

Communion Hymn: *"O Spirit of Life"* ELW 405

Sending Hymn: *"Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"* ELW 517

Postlude: *"Toccatà and Fugue in D Minor"* - J.S. Bach

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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 Reformation Sunday is red. Red is the color of fire. Because of the Acts 2 scripture read on Pentecost Sunday, it has come to represent the Holy Spirit dancing on the heads of the first disciples in the form of tongues of fire, and thus, the Holy Spirit itself. It is the liturgical color for Pentecost, Reformation Sunday, festivals of the martyrs, Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday, and for the ordination or funerals of ministers.

Today's altar flowers are given in celebration of our Confirmation milestone today.

At our worship service to we celebrate the Rite of Confirmation, the public profession of faith prepared for by long and careful instruction. Also, called "affirmation of baptism", this is a mature and public profession of the faith, which marks the completion of Bethany's program of confirmation ministry. Individuals who will be affirming their baptism today are: Payton Cooper, Halle Rusk, Kendel Schmidt-Loehr & Ian Youngdahl.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping today: Greeters: Francis & Judy Hiemstra; Reader: Judy Hiemstra; Communion Servers & Acolytes: Payton Cooper, Halle Rusk, Kendel Schmidt-Loehr, Ian Youngdahl; Ushers: Kirby Schmidt, Judy Sorenson, Recorder: Sandi Witt; Projector: Mary Ann Quail

Please consider volunteering to help with worship. See sign-ups at the Welcome Center. Thanks!

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns:

Jo Beving, Don Cowell, Chris Duffney, David Duffney, John Fogarty, Ben Heien, Mary Rose Hemme, Jamie Huber, Sandy Manwarren, Kim McCune, Mike Palm, Steve Salts; Rick Dietrich (*Pam Bjorklund's brother*);

Those who mourn:

Family of Elsie Anderson (*Val VanAmpting, Laurie Conlon & Mary Ann Quail's mother*)

Other concerns:

Joel & Rachel Watters & family missionaries in Costa Rica

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFTER WORSHIP All are welcome for fellowship in the parlor after worship. Stop by for coffee, goodies and lively conversation. REMINDER: There will be no Sunday school today.

ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER All are welcome at the Lost Island Lutheran Church Annual Soup Supper this evening from 4-7pm. They are serving chili, vegetable beef and chicken noodle soup with homemade bread and pies for a free-will offering. Lost Island Lutheran is located between Graettinger and Ruthven on N26 at 3797 310th Street. While there shop their Guatemalan Fair Trade store and Nut Sale (almonds, walnuts and cashews).

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE The 2019 stewardship drive "O Christ the Same" continues today. Please pick up your packet in the Narthex. Take it home and make time to prayerfully consider your response and then proceed according to the information in your envelope and return on Sunday, November 4. Thanks for your participation in this year's drive.

DST REMINDER Don't forget-Daylight Saving Time come to an end Sunday, November 4. Remember to "fall back" and set your clocks back one hour at bedtime on Saturday night!

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. Find them at the Welcome Center.

THE BETHANY SWEET STOP Plan to bring the kiddos to the Bethany “Sweet Stop” on Halloween! You’ll get to see many of your Bethany friends (*if you can recognize them in costume*) and there’ll be lots of candy and other treats. Be sure to stop by – from 5-7pm, Wednesday, October 31. Reminder: You can still join the fun and run a treat station. Or, consider donating some wrapped candy for the event. See the table in the Narthex. Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to help with this event and to those who have donated candy.

ALL SAINT’S SUNDAY At our worship services next Sunday, November 4 we will celebrate “All Saint’s Sunday” a time to remember with thanksgiving those who have lived and died in the faith. We will remember the beloved saints who have gone before us in this past church year and are now resting in Christ. In addition, we will recognize the newly baptized at Bethany over the past year. Join in celebration of all the saints, alive in Christ our Lord!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS A special welcome to new members received at services last Sunday: Dr. Bill Bensen, his wife Kristin, and their son Micah. An Aberdeen, SD, native, Bill met his Sioux Falls soulmate, Kristin, at South Dakota State University. All three of the Bensens have musical talents which are already being shared at Bethany. They are still unpacking boxes. Liz Brown who is originally from Webster City. Liz has worked as a dietary aid at Longhouse Care Center for the past three years and enjoys spending time with the residents. Liz and the Bensens have all enjoyed the welcoming spirit of Bethany Lutheran.

THANK YOU, beloved Bethany, for the surprises of appreciation you showered upon Jerry and me last weekend. We are humbled by your generosity. I am grateful that I share the appreciation of ministry with a team of leaders and servants: Stephen, Katie, Mary Ann, Lois, and Onalee. Without their gifts, the ministry and mission of Bethany would be less. On a broader scale, we share the appreciation of ministry with all other pastors, deaconesses, chaplains, musicians, youth leaders, etc. who serve in any congregation. Last weekend, you once again proved that...you never know what's going to happen at Bethany Lutheran Church! Thank you.
Pastor Jen and Jerry

THE GATHERING COMMUNITY MEAL Our next meal will be served on Thursday, November 8 from 5-6pm. We pleased to be able to offer this free community outreach meal. If you would like to help, we’re seeking volunteers to provide a pan of pumpkin bars. Look for a sign up and recipe at the Welcome Center. Or, if you would like to help with meal prep, serving or clean up give a call to Sandi Witt at 580-9593. There is a place for you at “The Gathering”!

FRIDAY FUN The fourth Friday fun and fellowship event for fourth and fifth graders that was to be held on Friday, October 26, was postponed due to the Spencer Tiger’s play-off football game. The event will now become “Fifth Friday Fun” on Friday, November 30. Watch for a postcard from Katie with more details.

THRIVENT MATCH Thrivent members and others can help victims of Hurricanes Florence & Michael. Right now Thrivent will match up to \$1 million in personal donations made through Thrivent.com to specific disaster relief organizations helping with recovery efforts. Thrivent pays the processing fees for these donations, so 100 percent goes to help. Eligible members can also direct Thrivent Choice Dollars and there are opportunities to volunteer with recovery efforts by leading a Thrivent Action Team. Visit the Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com for details on these opportunities and to see organizations included in the match.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 28

10:00 am Worship with Service of Confirmation

11:00 am Fellowship (parlor)

11:00 am Ian Youngdahl Family Confirmation Celebration (Dining Room)

Monday, October 29

1:30 pm Stonecroft Bible Study

5:00 pm Synod Finance Committee

6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, October 30

12:00 pm Pastors Text Study

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

6:00 pm SS Christmas Program Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 31

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

5:00 pm The "Sweet Stop" Halloween Outreach

7:00 pm Confirmation/**Bethany Youth Group (BYG)**

Thursday, November 1

9:30 am Spencer Ministerial Association @ Northshire

6:30 pm Scouts

Saturday, November 3

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, November 4 – All Saints Sunday - Daylight Savings Time Ends

8:30 am Worship – Pledge Sunday

9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School

11:00 am Worship – Pledge Sunday