

WORSHIP BULLETIN – ALL SAINT’S SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 4, 2018

*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: *“The Church’s One Foundation”* (Bells 8:30)
“Berceuse sur le nom de Gabriel Fauré” - Maurice Ravel (11:00)

Gathering Hymn: *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”* Verse 4

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

Remembering Baptisms and Deaths

BAPTISMS

Quinn Barrick

Bryson Kelly

Payton Cooper

BURIALS

William McCune

Carolyn O’Hara

Leland Franke

Barbara Mehren

Dean Kalvig

Betty Nelson

Marian Crane

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6a

Gospel John 11:32-44

Sermon Pastor Jen Henry

Hymn of the Day: *“Blest are They”* ELW 728

Prayers of the Church

Music during communion and pledge offering:

“Berceuse sur le nom de Gabriel Fauré” - Maurice Ravel (8:30)

“Menuet sur le Nom d’Haydn” - Maurice Ravel (11:00)

Sending Hymn: *“For All the Saints”* ELW 422 (Vs 1, 2, 6, 7)

Postlude: *“Minuet”* - J.S. Bach (Bells 8:30)

“Prélude” - Maurice Ravel (11:00)

WORSHIP NOTES

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.

All Saints Sunday celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. At Bethany, we celebrate the newly baptized and we remember all of the faithful departed, especially those most dear to us who have died. Our bulletin today includes an insert "Blest Are They" with a place to write the names of recently ascended saints that you are thinking of today. You are invited to come forward during the Hymn of the Day and place it on the memory board at the front of the church.

Today's readings are filled with rich images of the eternal life promised to all the saints. The holy meal is a foretaste of that great and promised feast where death or pain will be no more. Even in the midst of loss and grief God wipes away the tears from our eyes and makes all things new.

The liturgical color for All Saint's Sunday is white. White symbolizes purity, holiness, respect and reverence. The images of a baptismal gown, funeral pall, chalice pall (covering), etc. reflect this symbolism.

Today's altar flowers are given by Dale & Sandi Witt in honor & remembrance of all the saints.

Our 2019 stewardship drive, "*O Christ the Same*" culminates today with our pledge cards offerings. Thank you everyone for your participation in this year's drive.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping with services today: **8:30:** Greeters: LaVonne Kramer; Reader: Judy Hiemstra; Acolytes: Micah Bensen, Carly Borth; Communion servers: Mary Marske, Lois Becker, Twila Henning; Ushers: Gary Halverson, Bruce Klenken; Recorder: Matt Burns; Projector: Matt Kuehler; **11:00:** Greeter, Reader & Communion server: Dennis Peterson; Projector: Matt Kuehler;

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*);

Other concerns: Joel & Rachel Watters & family missionaries in Costa Rica

BETWEEN SERVICES

All are welcome for fellowship in the parlor after worship. Stop by for coffee, goodies and lively conversation. Sunday school classes are in session: preschoolers aged 3-4 gather in room 9 upstairs, Kinder-kids through grade 6 gather for fellowship and music in the Dining Room downstairs and grades 7-8 meet in their room downstairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

A SWEET THANK-YOU to everyone who set up a Treat Station at the Sweet Stop on Halloween Night. It was such a FUN evening, sharing the Light and Love of Jesus with the children and families in our community. It would not have been possible without all your enthusiasm, decorations, candy, and love for our community and church. THANK-YOU for putting your Faith in Action!

Jamie Blume, Faith in Action Chairperson

URBAN PLUNGERS Wednesday, November 7 at 6pm is our last meeting for those going on Urban Plunge in Sioux Falls November 9-11. Information on what to bring and the itinerary will be shared. Please keep students and adults traveling to Sioux Falls for the Plunge in your prayers!

VISITATION MINISTRY Bethany's Caring Friends team meets on Wednesday, November 7 at 5pm. This is a group of volunteers who visit homebound people and care center residents. *Could you be a Caring Friend?* We encourage you to come to this meeting to find out how you can help with this ministry. *Do you know someone who needs a Caring Friend?* Call the church office or let Pastor Jen know names of members or friends who might enjoy a visit.

THE GATHERING COMMUNITY MEAL Our next meal will be served on Thursday, November 8 from 5-6pm. We are 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"!

FUN & FELLOWSHIP The second Thursday of most months at Bethany is Lutheran World Relief mission workday. All are welcome to join us on Thursday, November 8 at 9am to put together quilts and kits for LWR. And then stay for a potluck lunch at noon. These potluck meals have received rave reviews. Come and check it out!

ST. LUKE ROUND UP Bethany is on Round-Up duty at St. Luke Home on Sunday, November 25. Three - four volunteers are needed to help get residents to the chapel for Sunday worship. If able to help with this, please see the details and sign-up at the Welcome Center.

BLANKETED IN FAITH Bethany's Faith-in-Action team invites you to help warm the heart of a child in the foster care system through the support of their year-end outreach project—"Blanketed in Faith" (which is also the November "Loving Spencer" monthly project). *How can you help?* Purchase fleece, bring it to church throughout November and leave in the specially designated collection basket at the Welcome Center. A blanket-tying social will be held Dec. 13 and blankets will be given to Kaden's Closet and LSI for foster kids.

NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE Next Sunday kicks off our food drive week for Upper Des Moines Pantry (November 11-18). Some items most needed at this time include: Ravioli, Hamburger Helper, packaged potatoes, rice tomato and chicken noodle soup, toilet paper and shampoo. Please bring donations and leave in the marked baskets at the Welcome Center. We will deliver them to Upper Des Moines. Thanks for your support!

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 4 – All Saints Sunday

- 8:30 am Worship – Pledge Sunday
- 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship – Pledge Sunday

Monday, November 5

- 1:30 pm Stonecroft Bible Study
- 2:30 pm St. Luke Auxiliary Meeting

Tuesday, November 6

- 12:00 pm Pastors Text Study
- 2:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm SS Christmas Program Practice

Wednesday, November 7

- 10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
- 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, November 8

- 9:00 am Fun & Fellowship
- 12:00 pm Workday Potluck
- 5:00 pm "The Gathering" Community Meal
- 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee

Saturday, November 9 - BYG – Urban Plunge, Sioux Falls through 11/11

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, November 10 - Food Drive Week for UDMO through 11/18

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship