

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 3, 2019 -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: *"Trio in F"* - Johann Ludwig Krebs

Gathering Hymn: *"I Love to Tell the Story"* ELW 661

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6 Chanted responsively by verses

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel Luke 4:21-30

Sermon Pastor Jen Henry

Hymn of the Day: *"Jesus Loves Me!"* ELW 595

Offering: *"Trio in Eb"* - Johann Ludwig Krebs

Communion Hymn: *"The Church's One Foundation"* ELW 654

Sending Hymn: *"How Firm a Foundation"* ELW 796

Postlude: *"Trio in C minor"* - Johann Ludwig Krebs

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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. 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 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 Epiphany is green. Green symbolizes the renewal of vegetation, living things and the promise of new life. It is used for the two seasons that focus most directly on continuing life in this world: Epiphany and Pentecost. Epiphany focuses on the life of Jesus as a human being, and Pentecost focuses on the life of the Church.

A special welcome to scouts and leaders from Cub Scout Pack 123 and their families. Over the past weeks the scout have participated in a God & Family unit, led by Pastor Jen. They will receive their awards at our 8:30am worship service today.

Today's altar flowers are given by Bess Madsen in memory of Bob Madsen and Lill Sletvold.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping with services today:

8:30am: Greeters & Ushers: Cub Scouts from Pack 123; Reader: Sylvia Moore; Acolyte: Treyton Kleve, Owen Manwarren; Communion servers: Kirby Schmidt, Marla Woelber, TBD; Recorder: Sandi Schmidt; Projector: Susan Rohan; 11:00am: Greeter: Rita Storm; Reader: Judy Hiemstra; Communion server: Francis Hiemstra; Projector: Susan Rohan;

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns: Jo Beving, Don Cowell, Maynard Dahl, Steve DePauw, Mary Rose Hemme, Pastor Jen Henry, Jamie Huber, Linda Kunzmann, Kim McCune, Sandy Manwarren, Bev Quail, LaRae Pemberton, Sally Peterson, Ida Syvertson; Miles Rohan (*Kevin Rohan's father*);

Those who mourn: The family of Cole Millard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETWEEN SERVICES Fellowship time will be held in the Dining Room today. We will be serving breakfast pizza. All are welcome – please join us!! Sunday school classes are in session: preschoolers aged 3-4 gather in the nursery located on the main level in the east wing (*note change of location*), Kinder-kids thru grade 6 gather for fellowship and music in the Dining Room downstairs and grades 7-8 meet in their room downstairs.

PARISH ED MINISTRY TEAM is seeking new members for the committee. No experience is necessary and you do not have to commit to teaching Sunday School. If interested, come to their meeting tomorrow, Monday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor.

MISSION WEST VIRGINIA Youth who are partaking in the West Virginia mission trip this summer will gather for a planning meeting on Wednesday, February 6 at 6pm. T-shirts & fundraising are on the agenda. All who will be traveling should attend this meeting.

GRADES 7-8 LOCK IN Get ready for some fun on Friday, February 15! For starters we'll travel to Sioux Falls for some bouncing fun at SkyZone and then will return to the church for the overnight. Meet on Friday at Bethany at 5pm – pick up Saturday morning at 8am. The cost to go is \$20 (don't forget your orange socks if you need them!) Please **RSVP** to Katie Hare, 262-2327 **by February 10!**

FOOD DRIVE WEEK FOR UDMO Sunday, February 10 kicks off our monthly food drive for the Upper Des Moines Outreach food pantry in Spencer. Look at the Welcome Center for a listing of pantry items most needed at this time. Thank you for your continued support!!

FAITH IN ACTION FEBRUARY PROJECT During February you are called upon to help collect items used in "Birthday Kits" for Church on the Street in Sioux Falls. Each kit includes: one large bath towel, a full-size shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Items are rolled together and tied with a pretty bow and given at Church on the Street to individuals who have a birthday that month. Bring kit supplies or completed kits and place in the basket at the Welcome Center. Monetary donations are also accepted – the Faith in Action Committee will shop for you. Kits will be delivered in March.

LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL Lutheran Services in Iowa's Lutheran Day on the Hill is a day of advocacy for Iowa's most vulnerable populations. This year's event is on Tuesday, February 19. Join LSI in Des Moines at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church and learn about the social issues affecting Iowa and talk to your legislators about keeping the social safety net secure for all Iowans. Find details at the Welcome Center or to register visit www.LSIowa.org/LDH.

LOVING SPENCER FEBRUARY PROJECT is "Warming Hearts with His Love – Hat and Mitten Collection." To participate, bring new or gently used winter hats, mittens or gloves and put them in the marked basket at the Welcome Center. Pray for the child that receives them to find the truth of God's word and grow to love Him. The hats and mittens will be given to Spencer Community Schools.

YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who faithfully and generously support the mission and ministries of Bethany. Statements of giving to the general fund and capital campaign for the year ended 12/31/18 have been mailed. If you have not received yours please contact Financial Recorder, Denise Kramer Tolzmann at 712-363-3139.

ARCHIVE ROOM & COMMITTEE Bethany's Archive Committee continues to sift and sort through pictures, papers, records and other items that have accumulated at Bethany over the years. More committee members are needed to help with this effort and interested parties are encouraged to become involved. Their recently scheduled meeting was cancelled due to weather but there will another one coming. Watch the calendar and check it out!!

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS If you are thinking about sending your child to camp this year and want to save money, now is the time to get registered. March 1 is the early bird deadline at Lutheran Lakeside & Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Camps. We'll have guests from both camps at upcoming services in February to share about their ministries. Look for 2019 program brochures on the side table by the Welcome Center and find out what the camps have to offer.

MILESTONE MINISTRIES On Sunday, February 17 at our 8:30 worship service our milestone ministry team will recognize second grade students as they receive their first Small Catechism! The celebration continues with a special class in during the Sunday school hour as they get to know more about the small catechism. Second Grade Families: if you are unable to be here that Sunday, please contact Katie at the church office. Thank you!

FUN & FELLOWSHIP On Thursday, February 14 at 9 AM workers will gather in the dining hall to assemble school kits, personal care kits, baby care kits and fabric kits and to sew and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Through this ministry we share the love of Christ with folks in need around the world. We'll share a potluck lunch at noon. All are welcome!

THE GATHERING COMMUNITY MEAL will be serving dinner from 5-6pm on Thursday, Feb. 14 in the dining room at Bethany. The dinner is free to everyone. Please pass the word if you know someone who would like to join us. We also appreciate your prayers and financial support.

70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Eugene & Lois Johnson will be celebrating 70 years of marriage on February 14!! Let's shower them with good wishes & congratulations on their milestone event. Send cards to their home at 1305 10th Ave SE here in Spencer.

NOTES OF THANKS

To our Bethany Family,

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers. It means so much to us.

The family of Rick Dietrich

Many thanks to my Bethany family and friends for all of the cards and prayers as I recently celebrated my 100th birthday. I appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Elsie Mae Jones

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 3

8:30 am Worship – God & Family Scout Sunday

9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

Monday, February 4

6:30 pm Parish Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 5

12:00 pm Pastors Text Study

4:30 pm Weeknight Music

Wednesday, February 6

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

1:00 pm BYG Lunch Date

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

5:00 pm Caring Friends

6:00 pm Bell Choir

6:00 pm Mission Trip Meeting

7:00 pm Confirmation

7:45 pm Bethany Youth Group (BYG)

Thursday, February 7

9:30 am Spencer Ministerial Association @ Bethany

Saturday, February 9

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

Sunday, February 10

Food Drive Week for UDMO February 10-17

8:30 am Worship – Camp Sunday with Lakeside Lutheran

9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

2:00 pm Winds of Hope Conference Meeting at Bethlehem in Cherokee