

## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

### THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 17, 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 & Fugue: <i>"Fantasy &amp; Fugue in A Minor BWV 561"</i> - J.S. Bach	
Gathering Hymn: <i>"Kyrie"</i>	Setting 8
First Reading	Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalms 1	Chanted by verses
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Gospel: <i>"Hymn: Blest Are They"</i>	ELW 728
Sermon	Pastor Jen Henry
Hymn of the Day: <i>"Blest Are They"</i>	ELW 728 (Refrain, sung twice)
Offering: <i>"Visions Fugitives Op. 22 No. 4"</i> - Sergey Prokofiev	
Communion Hymns:	
<i>"Children of the Heavenly Father"</i>	ELW 781
<i>"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"</i>	ELW 756
Sending Hymn: <i>"Now Thank We All Our God"</i>	ELW 840
Postlude: <i>"Intermezzo Op. 119 No. 3"</i> – Johannes Brahms	

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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.

Today at our 8:30 worship service the Milestone Ministry team recognizes second grade students as they receive their first Small Catechism. Following worship the students will attend a special class to help them get to know more about the small catechism.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping with services today:

8:30am: Greet: Bruce & Judy Iverson; Read: Mary Marske; Acolyte: Michah Bensen;  
Communion servers: Mary Marske, Jody Vollmer, Katie Hare; Usher: Marla Woelber,  
Roger Clarke, Dick & Betty Schmidt; Record: Sandi Witt; Projector: Mary Ann Quail;  
11:00am: Greet: Bruce & Judy Iverson; Read & serve Communion: Marilyn Meyer;  
Projector: M. A. Quail;

## PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

### Health Concerns:

Don Cowell, Steve DePauw, Mary Rose Hemme, Jamie Huber, Linda Kunzmann,  
Kim McCune, Sandy Manwarren, Bev Quail, Sally Peterson, Ida Syvertson;  
Miles Rohan (*Kevin Rohan's father*);

### Those who mourn:

The family of Rosemary Brown – DePauw (*Steve DePauw's mother*)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ACTIVITIES BETWEEN SERVICES** All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with refreshments in the church parlor between services. Sunday school is in session. Children age 3 years--grade 8 are welcome and encouraged to attend. Preschooler ages 3-4 years old gather in the nursery in the east wing, Kinder-kids through grade 6 gather in the Dining Room downstairs. Grades 7-8 meet in their room on the lower level.

**FOOD DRIVE WEEK FOR UDMO** Our monthly food drive week for the Upper Des Moines Outreach pantry concludes today. Many thanks to everyone who donated items for the pantry!

**UKES 'N SING ALONG** The Uke Club will be serenading the residents at St. Luke Home and Longhouse/Northshire on Monday, February 18 and you are invited and encouraged to join in the chorus. If you'd like to participate, plan to meet at Bethany at noon tomorrow. We'll run through a few of the songs making sure we have enough copies of the music and then head out to sing!!

**CAMP SUNDAY** Next Sunday we have visitors from Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp here to share about upcoming opportunities at the camp. If your child is attending summer camp this year, now is the time to get registered, as early bird discounts apply through March 1. Look for camp program brochures at the Welcome Center.

**LOVING SPENCER FEBRUARY PROJECT** is "Warming Hearts with His Love – Hat and Mitten Collection." To participate, purchase new 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 & mittens will be given to Spencer Community Schools.

**NEWS FOR THE BETHANY HERALD** Do you have an item to share in our monthly newsletter? The March issue is coming out soon. Please submit items by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thanks!

**DIVORCE CARE SERIES STARTING** This 13-week recovery program is designed to help people recover from the emotional stress of a divorce or the ending of a long-term relationship. Through videos presentations and small group discussions, participants work through the phases of divorce: emotional, spiritual, financial, child issues, moving on, etc. while benefitting from the encouragement and understanding offered. A new series starts this evening at Hope Reformed Church and will go through May 12, 2019. Registration fee is \$17. ?? – call Alesia @ 515-890-1465.

**EGYPT, MOSES AND THE HOLY LAND** Bethany is invited to attend special Bible/book study on Saturday morning (February 23) at 7:45am at the Methodist Church in the Wesley Room (*use the 4<sup>th</sup> Street entry*). Pr. Jen will be giving insights from her learnings in Egypt, Israel and Jordan to the Methodist group who is studying the life of Moses. Men, women, and children are welcome. Also, on Sunday, March 3, Pr. Jen and Jerry will present a program on their Egyptian travels from 5-6:30pm at Bethany. Save the date!

**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.

**NEW MEMBER INQUIRY** Are you thinking about joining Bethany or just curious about membership? Come to a membership information class to be held between services at 10:00am on Sun., March 10. We will receive new members to the Bethany congregation at worship on March 17.

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help answer the phone during our Tuesday afternoon staff meetings and to cover some other times coming up in the next few weeks. This would involve light office work, greeting visitors and answering the telephone. If you are able to help please look over the schedule at the Welcome Center and sign up to help as you are able. Thank you!

**BETHANY HAS AN AED** You may have noticed the AED in the hallway by the church offices. This device was received through a grant opportunity made possible by Clay County Emergency Medical Services. So– just what is an AED? An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. Recently some of our council members received training on how to use an AED and in the coming weeks there will be opportunities for others to learn. Watch for more details coming in the newsletter and bulletins.

**LEADERSHIP INSTALLATION** On Sunday, March 3 our Church Council and Ministry Team leaders will be installed at the 8:30am worship service. Please keep our leadership team in your prayers.

**NURSING HOME MINISTRY** Bethany Lutheran Church is one of 13 local churches that founded St. Luke Lutheran Nursing Home back in 1967. The Annual Meeting of St. Luke is held on the first Sunday in March. We extend our thanks to Sandi Schmidt and Deb Mechler who will be serving as delegates for Bethany on March 3.

**LOOKING AHEAD** Join us for Ash Wednesday services at Bethany on March 6 at 7pm. Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent. The day is named for the practice of imposing ashes on foreheads. Using ashes as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible (e.g., Jonah 3:5-9; Job 42:6; Jeremiah 6:26; Matthew 11:21). While marked with the ashes of human mortality, the church hears God's promise of forgiveness and tastes God's mercy in the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

**REMINDER:** Daylight Savings Time will begin on March 10. Get ready to spring ahead!!

## **CALENDAR**

### Sunday, February 17

- 8:30 am Worship – Grade 2 Milestone: Luther's Small Catechism
- 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship

### Monday, February 18

- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting
- 7:00 pm Companions in Christ (Archive Room)
- 7:00 pm Ruth Circle

### Tuesday, February 19 – Lutheran Day on the Hill

- 9:30 pm Priscilla Circle
- 12:00 pm Pastors Text Study
- 2:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 4:30 pm Weeknight Music
- 6:00 pm Church Council

### Wednesday, February 20 - Bethany Herald Deadline

- 10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
- 3:00 pm Archive Committee (in the Archive Room)
- 6:00 pm Bells, Youth Committee
- 7:00 pm Confirmation
- 7:45 pm **Bethany Youth Group (BYG)**
- 8:00 pm Uke Club at Toad's Coffee Shoppe

### Thursday, February 21

- 1:30 pm Miriam Circle
- 4:30 pm Office Support Committee
- 5:00 pm Worship & Music Committee
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting
- 7:00 pm Evangelism Committee

### Saturday, February 23

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study
- 7:45 am Pr. Jen-Moses Presentation at Grace United Methodist Church

### Sunday, February 24

- 8:30 am Worship: Camp Sunday with Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp
- 9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship