

## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY—FEBRUARY 24, 2019—8:30 & 11:00 A.M.**

*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>"Präludium und Fuge"</i> - Johann Ludwig Krebs	(8:30)
<i>"Prélude"</i> - Jehan Alain	(11:00)
Temple Talk: Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp	Kyle Rouse
Gathering Hymn: Kyrie	Setting 8
First Reading	Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	Chanted by verses
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Gospel	Luke 6:27-38
Sermon	Pastor Jen Henry
Hymn of the Day: <i>"What Wondrous Love Is This"</i>	ELW 666
Offering: <i>"English Suite IV: Gigue"</i> - J.S. Bach	(8:30)
<i>"L'Œvre De Piano: III"</i> - Jehan Alain	(11:00)
Communion Hymn: <i>"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"</i>	ELW 708
Sending Hymn: <i>"Canticle of the Turning"</i>	ELW 723
Postlude: <i>"Präludium und Fuge"</i> - Ernst Friedrich Richter	(8:30)
<i>"Étude de Sonorité"</i> - Jehan Alain	(11:00)

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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 and thank you to Kyle Rouse, our guest from Ingham-Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp. Kyle is here to share about the camp's ministries and upcoming opportunities.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping with services today:

8:30am—Greeters: Dick & Betty Schmidt; Reader: Mary Marske; Acolyte: Carly Borth;  
Communion servers: Mary Marske, Twila Henning; Usher: George Kruger, Judy  
Sorenson, Kirby Schmidt; Record: Matt Burns; Projector: Emily Baker; 11:00am—  
Greeter: Liz Brown; Reader: TBD; Communion server: Becky Winterboer; Projector:  
Emily Baker;

### **PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS**

#### Health Concerns:

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*); Jaci Hermstad (*Colleen Hermstad's granddaughter*);  
Sarah Peterson (*Carole Peterson's daughter*);

#### 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.

**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. Look for 2019 program brochures on the side table by the Welcome Center for more information.

**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. Hats & mittens will be given to Spencer Community Schools.

**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.

**TRAVELOGUE EGYPT** Next Sunday, March 3, Pastor Jen and Jerry will present a program on their Egyptian travels from 5-6:30pm at Bethany. Come to the Dining Room on the lower level to see pictures and hear tales of their travels. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

**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.

**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. Look for more details coming in the newsletter and bulletins.

**BYG SILENT AUCTION** Come check out our Silent Auction and support our Bethany Youth going to West Virginia! Starting Sunday, March 3rd and ending Sunday, March 17th, our Bethany Youth will have a wonderful assortment of items to bid for. Silent auction winners will be notified by March 20th by our Youth attending. All proceeds will help with cost of our Mission Trip to West Virginia. If you interested in donating something new for the auction, please leave the item and a description with Katie at the church office. Thank you for your support of our Bethany Youth!

**“I’M A LUTHERAN” NOMINATIONS** Do you know an ELCA member who has a unique story to tell? Living Lutheran is looking for nominations for its monthly “I’m a Lutheran” feature. Past features have included people with interesting vocations, impressive accomplishments or exciting experiences. We’re looking for people who are passionately living and showing their faith in their everyday life and are comfortable talking about it. Send the name and contact information for your nominee, as well as a little bit about why you think they’d be a great candidate, to [megan.brandsrud@elca.org](mailto:megan.brandsrud@elca.org).

**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!

**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 Sunday, March 10. We will receive new members to the Bethany congregation at worship on March 17.

**REMINDER:** Daylight Savings Time will begin on Sunday, March 10. Get ready to spring ahead and remember to set your clocks one hour ahead Saturday night before you go to bed!

**ASH WEDNESDAY** Join us for the Ash Wednesday worship service at Bethany on March 6 at 7pm. The first day of Lent 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. Start your Lenten journey off on the right foot and join us for this worship service!

**MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP** This year's community Lenten lunches & worship will be held at Faith Pentecostal Church with a "Beatitudes" theme. Lunch service begins at 11:30 AM (\$4.00) with worship from 12:20-12:50. These services run from March 6 through April 17. Bethany is serving the first lunch on March 6! Please help!! Find out how at the Welcome Center. And..... Wednesday evening Lenten activities at Bethany will begin on March 13. Come for supper at 6pm followed by worship at 7pm. We will continue our exploration of "Messiah" and the Bible. Add these activities to your calendar and plan to attend.

## **CALENDAR**

### 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  
12:15 pm Evangelism Committee (*at Weasy's*)

### Monday, February 25

6:30 pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting

### Tuesday, February 26

12:00 pm Pastors Text Study  
2:00 pm Staff Meeting  
4:30 pm Weeknight Music

### Wednesday, February 27

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group  
6:00 pm Choir  
7:00 pm Confirmation  
7:45 pm **Bethany Youth Group (BYG)**  
8:00 pm Uke Club

### Saturday, March 2

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study

### Sunday, March 3 - *Bethany Youth Group: Silent Auction Fundraiser for West VA Mission Trip*

8:30 am Worship: Church Council Installation  
9:45 am Fellowship, Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
2:00 pm St. Luke Annual Meeting  
5:00 pm Pastor Jen & Jerry's Travelogue: Egypt (Dining Room)