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ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 3, 2019 – 9:00 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: Christmas at Bethany Video

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Song: *"Shall We Gather At the River"*

ELW 423 vv. 1 & 4

First Reading

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Remembering Baptisms and Burials

BAPTIZED ANEW – LIVING NOW FOR CHRIST

Collynn Cameron
Kayson Cameron

Thea Harrington

Grayson Falline
Cole Funk

RESTING IN CHRIST

Cole Millard
Jamie Huber
Jo Beving

Donna Johnson
Tim Thomsen
Colleen Hermstad

Steven Brons
Paul Stave
Andy Hermanson

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

Gospel

Luke 6:20-31

Sermon: Journeys

Pastor Jen Henry

Hymn of the Day: *"Blest Are They"*

ELW 728

Prayer Response: *"Come and Fill Our Hearts"*

Screen/ELW 528

Offering: *"When We All Get to Heaven"* – C. E. Walz

Choir

Offertory: *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

Screen/ELW 186

Communion Music: *"For All the Saints"* – Ruth Elaine Schram

Sending Hymn: *"For All the Saints"*

ELW 422, vv. 1, 6, 7

Postlude

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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. A special welcome to visitors— 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 in your pew and they can help us to keep in touch with you. Please be sure to mark this if you partake in Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the Fellowship Pad. Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you would benefit from either of these, please speak with an usher.

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.

Many thanks to worship servants helping with our service: Greeters: Dustin & Jamie Blume Family; Reader: Evan Storley; Acolytes: Corrine Stave, Zoey Metcalf; Ushers: Bruce Klenken, Gary Halverson; Communion servers: Jody Vollmer, Onalee Wright, Russ Wright; Recorder: Sandi Schmidt; Projector: Mary Ann Quail; Sound: Randy Phillips;

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns: Lois Christensen, Steve DePauw, Connie Heien, Mary Rose Hemme, Mark Kahley, George Kruger, Linda Kunzmann, Kim McCune, Sandy Manwarren, Sally Peterson, Gordon Quail, Dick Schmidt, Dave Spent, Darlene Stough; Jaci Hermstad (*Colleen Hermstad’s granddaughter*); Ruth Hage (*Darlene Stough’s sister-in-law*); Dennis Phillips (*Donna Jones’ brother*); Lyle Youngdahl (*Brenda Miller/Tim Youngdahl’s brother*); Annabelle Hauck (*Kirby & Sandi Schmidt’s granddaughter, Mary Schmidt’s great-granddaughter*); Ken Leander (*Elina Ozolins husband*);
Those who mourn: Family of Steven Brons; Family of Andy Hermanson; Family of Paul Stave;

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFTER WORSHIP All are welcome for fellowship in the parlor after worship. Stop by for coffee, goodies and lively conversation. Sunday school is in session for students aged three – grade 12. Preschoolers aged 3-4 through Kindergarten gather upstairs. Grades 1-12 gather for fellowship in the parlor before proceeding to Sunday School activities.

NAME TAGS We’d like everyone to have a nametag (kids, too!). If don’t have one, have misplaced yours or are a frequent visitor who would like one, we would be happy to make one for you. Look for a “Need a Name Tag” sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center and sign-up. Then, next time you are here for worship look in the name tag rack to find your new name tag. Visitors are encouraged to use adhesive name tags. A supply is kept available at the Welcome Center.

JENNIFER HENRY UNPLUGGED Please join us for the first in a series of lectures featuring Pastor Jen – unplugged. Come to the Highlands Community Room (1211 St. Luke Drive) on Sunday, November 3 from 4-5:30pm. Bring questions you’ve always wanted to ask a pastor. Be prepared to laugh and BYOT (bring your own tissues).

THE FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS will be held in Spencer on Sunday, December 8, 3pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The community is invited to this annual program of music and the Christmas story. All singers in the community are invited to join one of the two community choirs with rehearsals being held on Sunday or Thursday nights, choosing which choir fits their schedule or singing in both. Rehearsals begin November 3 or 7 at 7pm and will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rehearsals continue weekly until the event. For more information visit “Spencer Messiah” on Facebook.

HOPE HAVEN is an agency that provides disability services and support for children, adults and families in the area. Working to meet physical, mental, and intellectual needs as well as residential, vocational, and spiritual needs they offer a broad range of services and activities with the goal of making a positive, lasting impact on the lives of those they serve. On Saturday, November 9, Hope Haven is holding a spiritual retreat at Bethany from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Bethany members are invited to be involved. If you or your church group is interested in helping with this event, contact Beth Odor at 363-6048.

IN THIS SEASON OF THANKFULNESS, the Stewardship Committee is both giving you a gift and inviting you to a celebration. We will be hosting a **Thankfulness Potluck Sunday, November 10 at 11:15**. Bring your favorite potluck dish and join us in celebrating God’s bounties. Also, the Stewardship Committee is giving you a reusable shopping bag with Bethany Lutheran Church on the front. The bags will both conserve earth’s resources and advertise Bethany. We ask that you take the bag home and fill it with groceries and bring it back to the church for a blessing and thank offering on November 10. Groceries will be donated to Upper Des Moines and the bags will be returned to you to carry your own groceries.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT The Operation Christmas Child service project that began at our “Who is My Neighbor?” Vacation Bible School last July is drawing to a close. Next Sunday, (Nov 10) the Sunday School students will be packing the boxes to ready them for delivery to our neighbors around the world. We will bless the boxes at our worship service on Sunday, November 17 prior to shipping.

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 14 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!

THE GATHERING COMMUNITY MEAL Our next meal will be served on Thursday, November 14 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”! And, remember the challenge – please pick up an invitation at the Welcome Center and invite someone to this meal. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS AT BETHANY Many thanks to everyone who helped make lefse at our recent baking day. We have one more coming up on November 16 (Norwegian Cookies). Come help bake for this biennial event at Bethany – coming up on Saturday, December 14! Enjoy fellowship and learn the secrets of making some of the Scandinavian goodies served at Christmas at Bethany.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) is a new group of 7-12th graders, who meet on Sundays after worship. Student led group with an emphasis on service projects, their first project is collecting food for the Spencer Middle School food pantry, through December 18. If you'd like to help, look for a donation basket at the Welcome Center. Thanks!

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" *How can you help?* Purchase fleece, bring it to church throughout October and November and leave in the specially designated collection basket at the Welcome Center. A blanket-tying social will be held on Thursday, December 12. Then at worship on December 15 the blankets will be blessed and given to Kaden's Closet and Lutheran Services in Iowa for children in foster care.

A NOTE OF THANKS...

Dear members of Bethany's family,

Thank you so much for your kind words, cards, and prayers for Pastor Appreciation month. You are beyond generous, and you are loved.

Pastor Jen

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 3

- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:15 am Fellowship
- 10:30 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Worship & Music Committee
- 4:00 pm Okoboji Outreach @ OLBC

Monday, November 4

- 1:30 pm Stonecroft Bible Study
- 2:30 pm St Luke Auxiliary Meeting
- 6:00 pm Parish Ed & Youth Committee
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts Den
- 7:00 pm Companions in Christ

Tuesday, November 5

- 12:00 pm Pastor's Text Study
- 2:00 pm Staff Meeting (OW)

Wednesday, November 6

- 10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
- 5:00 pm Caring Friends
- 6:00 pm Choir
- 7:00 pm BYG (Bethany Youth Group)
- 7:30 pm Ukulele Group at Toad's Coffee



Thursday, November 7

- 9:30 am Spencer Ministerial Association
- 6:00 pm Strategic Planning Committee
- 9:00 am OHS Job Shadow Student w/Pr Jen

Saturday, November 9

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study
- 9:30 am Hope Haven Retreat (Dining Rm)
- 1:00 pm Kabrick Shower (Parlor)

Sunday, November 10

- 9:00 am Worship-Lynn Egesdal Installation
- 10:00 am Fellowship
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 11:15 am Thankfulness Potluck