

FEBRUARY 2019

BETHANY BEACON

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Traditional

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Contemporary 1st & 2nd Sundays

Traditional 3rd & 4th Sundays

Children's & Adult's

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.



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MISSION STATEMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

February is the month of love. Go into any store and you can see it, cardboard hearts filled with chocolate, paper cupids with their bows drawn, red roses, warnings in print, radio, and TV to not forget her (him) on Valentine's Day, and many children are picking out their valentine cards and planning how their valentine boxes will look. February is the month of love. But one look around at many of our movies and commercials and it seems like we have an anemic view of what love is. Even our language seems to fall short; only one word for the most important feeling, behavior, and way of being.

Unlike English, Hebrew and Greek have at least three words to describe love. The first two words for love are the Hebrew רַחֵם (raya) and Greek φιλεω (phileo). This love is the love of a close or best friend or a companion, the one you hang out with. It is also the sisterly and brotherly love in the church, as in Philadelphia the city of "brotherly love". This love is very necessary for a healthy marriage relationship.

The next words are דָּדָד (dod) and ερωσ (eros). Dod is translated as to caress, rock, or fondle; eros is where we get the word erotic. These words have to do with the physical element of love. This is the part of love on which advertisers and script writers often seem to focus. This type of love is very important for a healthy mature relationship, but it is not the only kind of love, or the sole focus of a loving relationship. If used wrong, it can be hurtful, dangerous, and destructive. It is a healthy love for mature lifelong relationships.

Finally, the third words for love in Hebrew and Greek I believe are the greatest: אָהָבָה (ahava) and αγαπ (agape). Now ahava is love of the will to join your life to another and agape is a love that puts the other first. It is serving love in which you strive to serve the other. This is the love of Christ. God's love. Holy love. The love that brought life into the world. The love that Jesus showed in his ministry. The love Jesus reveals on the cross. "Father forgive them. They do not know what they are doing."

A marriage relationship missing one of these three is lacking its full potential. Rob Bell in his video "Flame" speaks of the three kinds of love as different flames. "When you separate the flames, it can never really satisfy. It is like living outside of how God has wired you to live."

True love involves giving all of yourself, mind, body, and spirit to each other forever. Paul writes about this complete love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong doing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."

As we enter into the month of love, may you honor the way God created you. In your life may you experience the three flames of love burning strong. May your love be the great flame that God intended!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Tim

Lenten Book Study

This year for our Lenten book study we will be reading the book "Joshua: A Parable for Today" by Joseph Girzone. When Joshua moves to a small cabin on the edge of town, the local people are mystified by his presence. A quiet and simple man, Joshua appears to seek nothing for himself. He supports himself by working as a carpenter. He charges very little for his services, yet his craftsmanship is exquisite. The statue of Moses that he carves for the local synagogue prompts amazement as well as consternation.

What are the townsfolk to make of this enigmatic stranger? Some people report having seen him carry a huge cherry log on his shoulders effortlessly. Still others talk about the child in a poor part of town who was dreadfully ill but, after Joshua's visit, recovered completely.

Despite his benevolence and selfless work in the community, some remain suspicious. Finally, in an effort to address the community's doubts, the local religious leaders confront Joshua.

I read this book for the first time in the early 90's and it is one of my favorite works of fiction and I hope you will love it, too. I am creating the leader's guide for your small group study. But, we need leaders! If you would like to lead a small group on Wednesday night or another day, please let me know. I am looking forward to going on this wonderful journey with Joshua and you.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Tim

Approved Council Meeting Minutes

December 9th, 2018

Members Present – Mark Noll, Dave Jones, Jackson Kobe, Grace Jones, Kari Janes, Mindy Gehrke, Pastor Tim Maybee

Members Absent – Karlton Krause, Lisa Robinson, Lisa Doering, Kim Hartford

Others in attendance – Connie Moehlman, Robin Sampson

Devotions – Pastor Tim Maybee

Meeting called to order by Mark Noll

Reports

November Financial Report: A \$200 check came in today as a donation for any Christmas Charity Fund. A motion was made by Kari and seconded by Dave to give it to the middle schoolers to buy presents for older kids for the pass along party. This was approved.

The Admin line item is a little high but just because there are 3 payrolls in November.

Connie recommended the combining of the Fellowship event fund and Advent by candlelight line items and it was decided they should be combined as they are both event funds.

Financial Report stands for Audit and we will go over the financials and how to read the reports in greater detail at the January Board meeting.

Secretary's Report

January 13th we will have a longer meeting to go over Financials/Committee's/Sound System Presentation and regular meeting business.

November minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jackson and seconded by Dave.

Motion passed.

Committee

Property: The new door is in code and will be changed twice a year. There will be new oak jams and new piece of vinyl. Ben McNeese placed fillers in the crack by the kitchen and looks great. We need to look at the sign up for Snow Removal (month at a time)

Youth/Christian Education: Robin – Still approx. 25 kids in Sunday School each week.

Club 3456 met and decorated Christmas Cookies.

Family night will be December 19th

We sent gifts to college students for finals weeks

Working on Celebrate the Season/Christmas Program and Pass Along Party

Pastors Report: Recommend Robin Sampson to fill vacant seat and will be added to Youth and Christian Education.

Matt Haliday passed away on 12/8/18 and Dave Lancaster was brought home.

Marketing: Kari volunteered to sharpen pencils in the pews as they are getting very low.

Unfinished Business

Stewardship: No reports as of now, everything still coming in and will have a report in January.

Promoting Bethany Purpose, Vision, and Guiding Principles: Will be done by the council person who is doing the announcements and we will put this in the PowerPoint, so it is on the screen for congregation.

Nominations: Dave nominates Robin and Jackson Seconded to a unanimous ballot. Approved.

Sound Board Proposal and Meeting: Council will go through the proposal in January and will present to the council in February. Still plan on proposing use of 1/2 building fund and 1/2 of the building use fund. Dave, Pastor and Lisa will get together to work on talking points and the PowerPoint prior to the next council meeting so we can get proposal ready for congregation.

Holiday Events: 5:00 Desserts – Celebrate the Seasons/Pick & Pass/Christmas Program/Pot Luck/Christmas Carols.

Dec 29/30th services celebration with Christmas Carols

January 2nd Confirmation

Committee Assignments will be done next month

Lent Study proposed book is Joshua - if any council member wants to read in advance to give opinion.

Adjourn - Jackson made a motion to adjourn and Dave seconded

The Lord's Prayer

January Devotions: Dave Jones

Next meeting will be January 13th at 11:15

BETHANY HAPPENINGS

COFFEE HOSTS: We need coffee hosts for after church. The directions are all written out on the kitchen refrigerators. If you can help, please let us know or sign-up on the worship assistants' sheets.

BAPTISMAL BLANKETS: Thank you to all those who made baptismal blankets. They are beautiful and a nice gift for the children being baptized.

2018 CONTRIBUTIONS: New offering envelopes are out. If you didn't get any and would like some, let Connie know and she will get you a packet. The year-end offering statements have been sent or are in your church mailbox. Please review for accuracy and let me know if there are any discrepancies with your records. I am sending out yearly statements only, but if you prefer to have quarterly statements, let me know and I will make that happen for you. Thanks! Connie Moehlman

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX: Please check your mailbox in the Fellowship Hall. Your 2018 contribution receipt is in there as well as the Serving Groups booklet and the Women's Group booklet.

HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED IN THE LAST YEAR?

If you have cancelled your land line, changed your email, or moved in the last year, please update your information for us. There are change of contact information cards in your pew or on the narthex desk. Please drop them in the collection plate. Help us to keep our system up to date. If anything changes throughout the year, please fill out another card.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Please sign up to help with altar flowers. You can give them in honor or in memory of someone special or for a special occasion such as a birthday or an anniversary or just because you want to donate them. They are \$50.00 per weekend. If you want the flowers you donate, then come during office hours 8:30-1:30 by Wednesday and Mary will get them for you. Please do not take them by yourself as gloves need to be worn.

BLCW BOARD MEETING: Due to bad weather the January meeting has been postponed until February 4th at 4:00 p.m. The February meeting will be February 25.

DO YOU WANT TO LEAD A LENTEN BOOK STUDY? We are looking for leaders for the book study small groups. Please contact the pastor if you are interested.

THANKS: to everyone that donated to our Sunday School fall service project of providing food and personal care products to our local MICA. We delivered a TRUCKLOAD of needed items. The folks at MICA were very appreciative. They currently serve 140 families and are always in need of donations.

FOOD PANTRY -- Please remember to continue donating to the Food Pantry. The next few months will be cold and difficult. The box for items is in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

MEALS AT THE METHODIST CHURCH: Reminder that the first Wednesday of the month is our week to volunteer at the Methodist Meal. Thanks to everyone who gives their time weekly. Currently over 400 meals are served each week.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MARCH BEACON: are due Monday, February 18th by 10:00 a.m.

Youth & Christian Education

Christian Education Calendar for Jan 2019 – May 2019

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 3rd – SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Feb 24th – Sunday School sings during church. Special council meeting

March 6th – ASH WEDNESDAY

March 17th – Wear green to Sunday School for St. Patrick's Day

April 14th – Pork Loin Dinner at Church

April 21st – Easter Sunday

April 28th – Sunday School sings during church

May 12th – Last day of Sunday School /Sunday School sings during church. Mother's Day

May 19th – Celebration of Bethany Graduates

Also note Wednesday activity dates (not held during Lent)

Club 3456

5:30- 6:30

Feb 6/ April 3rd/May 1st

Family Night

5:30- 6:30

Jan 23/ Feb 20 / May 15

Middle and High School Youth Group

6:30-7:30

Jan 30/ Feb 13/ Feb 27/ April 24 / May 8 / May 22

Offering project for spring: Monetary offering to be given to provide garden seeds and supplies to help people grow their own food to feed their families

CELEBRATE SUPER BOWL SUNDAY AT BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Come enjoy soups, sandwiches and dessert

February 3rd 11:00 am to 12:30 p.m.

Free will donation: Dollars towards efforts to help eliminate local hunger
and Bethany's youth programs





1-Feb	Rolen	Hill	13-Feb	Michelle	Meyer
2-Feb	Danielle	Cerna	15-Feb	Matthew	Hill
2-Feb	Mary	Heitland	15-Feb	Kathy	Stockdale
2-Feb	Michelle	Metz	16-Feb	Celene	Anderson
3-Feb	Brielle	Klaffke	16-Feb	Renae	Dunphy
3-Feb	Jocelyn	Mulford	16-Feb	Craig	Turner
4-Feb	Kevin	Butt	17-Feb	Caleb	Dagit
4-Feb	Molly	Krukow	18-Feb	Janet	Mark
4-Feb	Jan	Sauerbrei	19-Feb	Madelyn	Mulford
5-Feb	William	Staley	19-Feb	Debra	Muller
6-Feb	Caleb	Johnson	19-Feb	Colin	Olson
7-Feb	Gage	Pohlman	20-Feb	Lester	York
8-Feb	Lydia	Becker	21-Feb	Logan	Kobe
8-Feb	Kylie	Marquis	22-Feb	Jacob	Crosser
9-Feb	Jennifer	Lancaster	22-Feb	Douglas	Dodd
10-Feb	Danielle	Barr	22-Feb	John	Jensen
10-Feb	Sarah	Elerding	25-Feb	Keaton	Mulford
11-Feb	Caroline	Stenzel	26-Feb	Aaron	Heiar
12-Feb	Becky	Hunt	26-Feb	Matthew	Klaffke
12-Feb	Emma	Juhl	27-Feb	Diane	Hansen
12-Feb	Sarah	Moehlman	27-Feb	Davis	Robison
12-Feb	Elizabeth	Sheahan	28-Feb	Kevin	Hoffman
13-Feb	Adam	Johnson	28-Feb	Eli	Keninger

Happy Anniversary



02/07 Tom & Shelia Hacker

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 7:30 Devotions	2 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship
3 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sun School 11:00-12:30 Souper Bowl of Caring	4 Pastor Off 4:00 BLCW Board Meeting 7:00 Book Study@ Stockdale's	5 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	6 United Methodist Church Meal Prep 7:30 Devotions 5:30 7 & 8 Confirmation 5:30 3 rd -6 th Grade Youth 7:00 Ruth Circle	7 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Rebekah Circle 1:00 Quilting 3:30 JAM 6:30 Scouts	8 7:30 Devotions	9 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship
10 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sun School 11:15 Church Council 2:00 Riverside Bible Camp Annual Meeting	11 Pastor Off 7:00 Book Study@ Stockdale's	12 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Adoption Support Group	13 7:30 Devotions 5:30 7 & 8 Confirmation 6:30 Dinner 6:45 7 th -12 th Youth	14 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 3:30 JAM 6:30 Scouts	15 7:30 Devotions	16 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship-Caring Callers
17 8:00 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship Caring Callers 10:15 Sun School 1:30 Riverside Conference Annual Meting 5:00 Blue & Gold Banquet	18 Pastor Off	19 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	20 1 7:30 Devotions 5:30 7 th & 8 th Confirmation 5:30 Family Activity 6:45 Lent Small Group leader Training	21 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 3:30 JAM 6:30 Scouts	22 7:30 Devotions Work Thrift Shop	23 7:30 Men's Breakfast Work Thrift Shop 5:30 Worship
24 8:00 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 3:00 Pastor lea ds Worship @ Heritage	25 Pastor Off 4:00 BLCW Meeting	26 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	27 5:30 7 th & 8 th Confirmation 6:30 Dinner 6:45 7 th -12 th Youth	28 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 3:30 JAM		

February

Carbon Monoxide – Know the Dangers

From your Parish Nurses

You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but at high levels it can kill a person in minutes. Carbon monoxide (CO) is produced whenever any fuel such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood, or charcoal is burned. If appliances that burn fuel are maintained and used properly, the amount of CO produced is usually not hazardous. However, if appliances are not working properly or are used incorrectly, dangerous levels of CO can result. Hundreds of people die accidentally every year from CO poisoning caused by malfunctioning or improperly used fuel-burning appliances. Even more die from CO produced by idling cars. Fetuses, infants, elderly people, and people with anemia or with a history of heart or respiratory disease can be especially susceptible. Be safe. Practice the DO's and DON'Ts of carbon monoxide.

CO Poisoning and Symptoms: Know the symptoms of CO poisoning. At moderate levels, you or your family can get severe headaches, become dizzy, mentally confused, nauseated, or faint. You can even die if these levels persist for a long time. Low levels can cause shortness of breath, mild nausea, and mild headaches, and may have longer term effects on your health. Since many of these symptoms are similar to those of the flu, food poisoning, or other illnesses, you may not think that CO poisoning could be the cause.

Play it Safe: If you experience symptoms that you think could be from CO poisoning: **DO GET FRESH AIR IMMEDIATELY.** Open doors and windows, turn off combustion appliances and *leave the house.*

DO GO TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM and tell the physician you suspect CO poisoning. If CO poisoning has occurred, it can often be diagnosed by a blood test done soon after exposure. Be prepared to answer the following questions for the doctor:

- Do your symptoms occur only in the house? Do they disappear or decrease when you leave home and reappear when you return?
- Is anyone else in your household complaining of similar symptoms? Did everyone's symptoms appear about the same time?
- Are you using any fuel-burning appliances in the home?
- Has anyone inspected your appliances lately? Are you certain they are working properly?

Prevention is the Key to Avoiding Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

DO have your fuel-burning appliances -- including oil and gas furnaces, gas water heaters, gas ranges and ovens, gas dryers, gas or kerosene space heaters, fireplaces, and wood stoves -- inspected by a trained professional at the beginning of every heating season. Make certain that the flues and chimneys are connected, in good condition, and not blocked.

DO choose appliances that vent their fumes to the outside whenever possible, have them properly installed, and maintain them according to manufacturers' instructions.

DON'T idle the car in a garage -- even if the garage door to the outside is open. Fumes can build up very quickly in the garage and living area of your home.

DON'T use a gas oven to heat your home, even for a short time.

DON'T *ever* use a charcoal grill indoors -- even in a fireplace.

DON'T sleep in any room with an unvented gas or kerosene space heater.

DON'T ignore symptoms, particularly if more than one person is feeling them. You could lose consciousness and die if you do nothing.

A Few Words About CO Detectors: Carbon Monoxide Detectors are widely available in stores and you may want to consider buying one as a back-up. If you shop for a CO detector, do some research on features and don't select solely on the basis of cost. Non-governmental organizations such as Consumers Union (publisher of *Consumer Reports*), the American Gas Association, and Underwriters Laboratories (UL) can help you make an informed decision. Look for UL certification on any detector you purchase.

Remember in Prayer

This month, ask God to protect, direct, and show favor to these members.

Give thanks for their presence in this community.

February 1-7 Gary, & Carla Albrecht

Justin, Kim, Lindsey & Logan Aldinger

Ryan, Nikki, Carson & Leah Allen

February 15-21 Glen & Kay Bahr

Mike, Ann, Kylie & Boyd Marquis,&

Mc Kenzie & Danielle Barr

Sonja Bauer

February 8-14 Carol Alt

Mike & Celene Anderson

Matthew, Jayne, Lily, Lydia Becker

February 22-28 Verle & Virginia Beckman

Marileigh Behrends

Shane & Sara Bell



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Our Purpose at Bethany Lutheran is to reach out to others and spread God's Word. (Matthew 28:19-20)

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision at Bethany Lutheran is to Know Christ and to make Christ known by Welcoming! Growing! Serving!
(Acts 2:1-47)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Jesus is Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:8-15)
2. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:4-10)
3. All are welcome. (Galatians 3:23-29)
4. Our foundation is in scripture. (Colossians 3:12-17)
5. As a family of faith, we serve others and one another in Christ's love. (Acts 2:42-47)
6. Through prayer we go where the Holy Spirit leads to proclaim Christ. (Acts 8:26-40 & 16:6-15)

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

President- Lisa Robison

Vice President -Mark Noll

Secretary- Mindy Gehrke

Grace Jones, Jackson Kobe – Youth Representatives

Connie Moehlman -Treasurer

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