

JULY 2018

BETHANY BEACON

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Summer Worship Schedule

Saturday -5:30

Sunday -9:00

**July 1st We Will Have a
Community Worship Service
at Estes Park -11:00**

**There will be no service at
Bethany June 30 or July 1**

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Grace and peace to you sister's and brother's,

Last month we started a journey through our Lutheran Theology. We spoke about our Lord and savior Jesus Christ; our understanding of Grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone; Justification by grace through faith for Christ's sake; Law and gospel; and Living a Christian life. Today we will talk about Means of grace, theology of the cross, being saint and sinner, and vocation.

Means of grace: The *Augsburg Confession* describes word and sacrament as the "means of grace." The word "means" refers to how things actually happen. We refer to different means of communication, means of transportation, etc. By calling word and sacrament means of grace, we are saying: "This is how and where grace happens." When the good news is preached, when someone is baptized, when we receive the Lord's Supper, grace happens.

This means that worship is vitally important for Lutherans. It forms our identity as Christians. The Augsburg Confession even defines the Christian church as the assembly of believers around gospel and sacrament.

Theology of the cross: The theology of the cross refers not just to the events of Good Friday. It also refers to a cross-centered approach to theology that stands in opposition to a "theology of glory" focused on the power and majesty of God abstracted from God's action in history.

A theology of glory looks up and says, "God's in heaven and all's well with the world." A theology of the cross, in contrast, keeps its feet firmly planted on our broken Earth and says, "God was in Christ reconciling the world to God." The incarnation witnesses to a God who puts aside divine characteristics to become human, to suffer and to die.

The God who chooses to come down from heaven chooses not to come down from the cross. The theology of the cross is a constant critique of human expectations. While the cross is a scandal to nonbelievers, Christians confess that God's saving power works precisely through such weakness (1 Corinthians 1:23-25, and 2 Corinthians 12:9).

Saint and sinner: Luther described Christians as "simultaneously saint and sinner." Some religious traditions distinguish between "saints," who obey God's will, and "sinners," who disobey. Lutherans cling to a both/and understanding of Christian identity that redefines the word "saint": a saint is a forgiven sinner.

Our dual identity as saints and sinners reminds us that our righteousness always depends on God's grace, never on our own religious behavior. At the same time, our recognition that sin, while forgiven, remains a powerful force in the world and in ourselves gives us a realistic ability to confront cruelty and evil, confident that God will have the last word. As Luther once wrote to Melancthon, "Be a sinner and sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly, for he is victorious over sin, death, and the world."

Vocation: The term "vocation" literally means "calling." Until Luther's time it was used primarily to refer to those with a special religious calling to be a priest, monk or nun. Luther expanded the idea to include all Christians.

First, Luther affirmed that all Christians are priests. This "priesthood of all believers" doesn't mean that we each have an individual pipeline to God but that we all have a responsibility to teach and to pray for others.

Second, Luther affirmed that all human work is a calling from God if done in faith and for the service of neighbor. According to Luther, God doesn't need our good works, but people do. Christian faith, then, should express itself in how we live in our professions, in our family relationships and as citizens, since these are all arenas for the service of neighbor.

Next month we will talk about Contextual theology, servant life, and evangelism. May God bless and guide us.

In Christ's Love and Grace,

Pastor Tim

Council Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2018

Members Present- Sara Kobe, Mindy Gehrke, Kim Hartford, Dave Jones, Karlton Krause, Mark Noll, Lisa Robison, Pastor Tim Maybee

Members Absent- Joel Weeks, Grace Jones, Jackson Kobe, Kari Janes

Also Present: Peg Bushore, Robin Sampson, and Connie Moehlman

Called to Order: 6:40 by Sara Kobe

Lisa made a motion to appoint Mindy Gehrke and Kim Hartford to fill the remaining terms of two seats of council.

This was seconded by Mark Noll.

New Business:

Peg Bushore: Peg discussed with us the need for help with lining up worship assistants and member involvement. She is willing to continue with altar guild. Worship committee and Social Concerns committee will be helping with worship assistants to fill positions. Peg was thanked for the work that she has done and her willingness to keep helping is a smaller capacity.

Financial Report: Income for May looked good. A sheet was passed for council members to sign up to count money.

Lisa moved to let the May financials and Treasurer's stand for audit.

May Minutes: Sara Moved to accept the may Minutes. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

Lisa Robison Volunteered to be the new secretary.

Committee Reports:

-Education report: VBS has been moved to August 6-9

New business-

Youth: Robin Sampson presented on youth and volunteered for to be an additional youth rep for council and youth director. She would like to attend council meetings so that the council can be kept up to date with the happenings.

Dave made a motion to make Robin the Youth Coordinator /Education Director and to have her attend council meetings. This was seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

Properties: Dave talked about the 2 workdays that have happened. Much was accomplished, and they will be having a work evening soon. They are also researching an electronic sign and fundraising was discussed. Jackson Kobe has been doing our lawn service. He has been informed that he must charge sales tax. He will split the cost of this with the church

Evangelism/Social concerns- The members of the voice have agreed to be the evangelism part of this committee.

Pastor's Report: Funeral: Paul Bottke, deceased May 11, 2018 Funeral June 16, 2018

Unfinished Business:

Council Retreat: Purpose, Vision, and Guiding principles that were written at this retreat were reviewed and discussed.

New Council Members: Mindy Gehrke and Kim Hartford were welcomed to council.

Invite a friend Sunday will be discussed with The Voice as they are serving as the evangelism committee.

Adjourn: Dave made a motion to adjourn at 8:02. Karlton seconded. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting will be Sunday July 15th at 10:15 am

COUNCIL RETREAT

Dear Friends,

We have been blessed with many generous gifts to assist us in paying off our mortgage and celebrating our first 100 years. Given these events, the council held retreat meetings in May and June. The purpose of the retreat was to review information from the cottage meetings. The cottage meetings gave us priorities. The top two were Youth and Evangelism/Service followed by Evangelism, Worship, Adult Education, and Stewardship among other areas addressed. This gave us focus as Pastor Tim led us in a process to establish our Vision, Purpose, and Guiding Principles. The council's goal is to present this for the congregation's approval at the annual meeting in October. Vision, Purpose, Guiding Principles give us direction as we move forward in our work as a council to lead our congregation to "Make Christ Known, Welcoming, Service, Growing." The Council asked Pastor Tim to share our Guiding Principles through a series of sermons leading up to our Annual Meeting. We look forward to serving you as we move forward in planning for the future.

Joel Weeks

Bethany Lutheran Church Council President

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA ANNUAL GATHERING

On June 16th, I attended the Northeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA 31st Annual Gathering at Wartburg, College along with Jane Granzow for a day filled with worship, fellowship and workshops. We as a unit of women, were able to collect in-kind gifts for Global Health Ministries. Thank you to all who helped roll bandages. We collected 4,500. We had fun working together. Also collected were bars of soap. We collected 886 bars for LWR. On July 30-31 a group will deliver and tour both of the organization's warehouses in Minneapolis.

My workshop was presented by Carol Daughton, a nurse and quilter, who has visited the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota five times. She shared how life and uninformed information about this quiet community has been stereotyped and fallen under the radar. Our eyes were opened to what their lives are like and she compared their lives to 3rd World countries. I was moved to tears and thought about our theme; "Blessed are the weary." It made me aware that I am blessed and can no longer be closed to the people around me who are God's family and we have to be involved in injustices.

Avis Johnson
Member of Bethany

The 31st Annual Gathering of the NEIA WELCA met at Wartburg College, June 16. 119 people were registered. There were six first time attendees, who were acknowledged. The Gathering opened with a Worship service with Holy Communion. Seminary student, Sue Cera presided until Holy Communion, when Pastor Jane presided. The powerful sermon was delivered by Pastor Anita K.

Our church-wide representative was Barbara Tormondsen from the Metropolitan NY area. She gave an impassioned speech regarding how organized and welcoming this gathering had been. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College, N.H., and is on the budget and finance committee at the Synod level.

At the business meeting the following were elected: Vice president, Janice Harbaugh; Treasurer, Beverly Sheridan; Board members, Bonnie Dralle, St. James, Allison; Jennifer Larson, First, Decorah; Deb Jacobsen, West Clermont-Clermont; nominating committee: Margaret Okland, Salem-Lake Mills; Pastor Jane Granzow; Carol Burnkiel, Immanuel, Cresco, and Cindy Pogge, St Olaf, Belmond.

I attended two break-out sessions. The first was A Conversation with the Bishop, Steven Ullestad who proudly told us that the 11 seminary students from our synod had received full tuition grants—no tuition debts upon completion of their seminary training. Perhaps our synod had so many students because of the "no debt" tuition clause; at least there was enough money in the fund for these students. He encouraged all churches to continue being generous; the H. George Anderson Fund was set up for the purpose of making it financially possible for student to have, if not free tuition, at least some financial help toward tuition.

The second break out session was led by Pastor Mark Anderson, on the NEIA Synod staff. He is an entertaining fellow along with expert knowledge of Disaster Situations. Some questions he addressed: If a tornado hit near your town would your church be able accommodate those left homeless? Does your church have posted and dated an Emergency Plan? Does your church have an AED and, if so, where is it located and have people been trained in its use? Is your First Aid Kit a "BooBoo" kit, able to care for skinned knees, or A FIRST AID KIT with a CPR mask, eye wash, and heavy-duty bandages for profuse bleeding? If your church burned to the ground and everything lost, would all the data also be lost forever? Does your church have a backup system for each computer? He also emphasized the importance of not just our church's response, but the community response to a disaster. It was a great Gathering; a great way to spend a hot and humid Saturday. The A.C worked just fine.

Submitted by Pastor Jane Granzow, retired.

ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING LIVESTREAM

If you would like to watch some of the events at the National Youth Gathering you can livestream at the Youth Gathering Home page <http://www.elca.org/gathering>! We will be livestream:

Daily Bible Studies: June 27-June 30 at 3:30 p.m.

Nightly Mass Gatherings: June 27-June 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning Worship: July 1 at 10 a.m.

UP COMING EVENTS

TO ALL WOMEN - DATES TO REMEMBER

July 30-31, 2018, an overnight trip to the Twin Cities with a tour of the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in South St. Paul, the Global Health Ministries warehouse in Fridley, MN and Mary's Place in Minneapolis. A visit is planned to the Hmong Village in St. Paul and hopefully take in a Twins game. All this for \$150.00 which includes travel in a 15-passenger van with insurance and lodging. Contact person: Pastor Jane Granzow, 641-316-1046.

BETHANY HELPS OUT AT THE THRIFT SHOP: We are helping on July 9th at the Thrift Shop. Sign up to help out.

FLOWER BED WEEDS: We are going to spray the flower beds (as soon as the weather cooperates) for all the volunteer growth that is coming up. Please don't try pulling weeds unless you check with the church office as to when the spray went on. We don't want to harm anyone.

LWR IS COLLECTING SOAP: of all sizes, from motel size to family size. Put it in the wash tub in the Fellowship Hall.

SPRING HOUSE CLEANING? As we do all year, we are collecting blankets, mattress pads, old jeans, sheets, curtains and anything else we can make quilts out of for the Lutheran World Relief. There is a large box in the Fellowship Hall to leave them in. Thank you for your help!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: will be held July 15 @ 10:15

CARING CALLERS: will be July 14-15.

ELDERBERRIES: July 15th the Elderberries will have a potluck for all those 50 and over at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH SOFTBALL GAMES: The game on July 1 are at 4:30 pm at Legion Field. If you have any questions, contact Ryan Kuker at - rkuker@ifacadets.net or 319-269-5936. Come out and support the Bethany Team!

VBS HELPERS NEEDED!! Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 6-9. Riverside is coming back to run the program again, but we are in need of as many volunteers as possible. The biggest area we need to fill is group helpers. These people travel with the kids and have fun with the groups with no teaching involved. This can be middle school/high school students or adults. We can work with you to do half days if we have enough volunteers as well!! Please consider volunteering for this AWESOME WEEK!!! Let Ashley Kuker know if you are able to help by emailing, texting, or calling- akuker@ifacadets.net or 515-205-8797.

GLADYS HUIBSCH IS HAVING A PARTY! Gladys is turning 99 and is having a birthday party on Sunday, July 1st at Cedar Ridge from 2-4:00 pm. All are welcome! If you would like to send Gladys a card, her address is 1221 N. Fremont St., Room 36, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126.

HALF PRICE SALE ON BETHANY 100 ITEMS: All the Bethany 100 items are on sale for 50% off! Come get your Bethany memorabilia.



Bethany 7th - 12th grade youth
will be going to ADVENTURELAND
on Thursday July 19
we will leave at 9:00 am
and be home at 8:00 pm.
Friends are welcome!!!
Tickets are \$35 per person.
Please inform the church office
of your attendance and
pay for your ticket by July 13.



**Vacation Bible School at
Bethany Lutheran
Will be August 6-9**

1st-6th grade 9:00 am-2:00 pm


Pre-school-Kindergarten 9:00-11:30

1st-6th grade bring your lunch.

Cost of VBS is FREE

**We will have a closing program on
Thursday at 6:30 pm followed by
an ice cream social.**

**This year's theme is "Seek First" from
Matthew 6:33 "But seek first his
kingdom and his righteousness, and
all these things will be given to you as
well."**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:30 Worship @ Ashbrook 11:00 Worship at Estes Park 2-4:00 p.m. Gladys Huibsch's 99 th Birthday @ Cedar Ridge 4:30 Softball@ Legion Field	2 8:15 Exercise	3 3:30 a.m. Youth Gathering group returns 7:30 Devotions	4 Praise Band in the parade Office Closed 	5 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting	6 Pastor's Day Off 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	7 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship
8 9:00 Teen Serve leaves 9:00 Worship 9:30 Worship @ Ashbrook 10:15 Adult Sunday School	9 Pastor's Day Off 8:15 Exercise Work @ Thrift Shop	10 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	11 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	12 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Riverside Conference 1:00 Quilting	13 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 5:30 Janes & Krause Rehearsal	14 Teen Serve returns 7:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00 Janes & Krause Wedding 5:30 Worship Caring Callers
15 9:00 Worship Caring Callers 9:30 Worship @ Ashbrook 10:15 Council Meeting 5:00 Elderberries	16 Pastor's Day Off 8:15 Exercise	17 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	18 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	19 7:30 Devotions 9:00am-8:00pm Adventureland Trip 1:00 Quilting	20 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	21 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship
22 9:00 Worship- 9:30 Ashbrook Worship 10:15 Adult Sunday School	23 Pastor's Day Off 8:15 Exercise	24 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	25 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	26 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting	27 7:30 Devotions 5:00 Murry & Peyton Rehearsal 8:15 Exercise	28 7:30 Men's Breakfast 3:00 Murry & Peyton Wedding 5:30 Worship
29 9:00 Worship 9:30 Ashbrook Worship 10:15 Adult Sunday School	30 Pastor's Day Off 8:15 Exercise	31 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	J U L Y			



REMEMBER THE BETHANY FAMILIES WITH PRAYER

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

Give thanks for their presence in this community.

July 1-8

Pat Krieger

Daniel, Aubrey, Saray, & Elyse Kruse

Stan & Carol Kruse

Ron & Deb Kuhfus

July 9-15

Ryan, Ashley, Caden, Ryder, & Tyson Kuker

David & Bernice Lancaster

Mike, Jennifer, Marlee & Marikate

Deb Larson

July 16-22

Richard Larson

Rocky LaValle

Amber & Tom Lee

Jerry & Linda Lehtola

July 23-31

Gerry & Cheryl Lenguadoro

Bryan Rachel, Landyn, Simon & Graham Lewey

Troy, Barb, Tate & Tia Muilenburg

Bart, Julie, Jordan, Jayda, & Jocelyn Mulford





1-Jul	Emily	Snyder	14-Jul	Carol Ann	Jordahl
2-Jul	Justin	Borkowski	14-Jul	Rocky	LaValle
2-Jul	Olivia	Butt	15-Jul	Brian	Qualley
2-Jul	Collin	Hartford	16-Jul	Elizabeth	Hansen
2-Jul	Gerald	Lenguadoro	16-Jul	Sha	Loewen
3-Jul	Ann	Knight	17-Jul	Joshua	Krukow
4-Jul	Gladys	Huibsch	17-Jul	Saylor	Mulford
6-Jul	Todd	Bicknese	17-Jul	Kristin	Sauerbrei
6-Jul	Noah	Elman	18-Jul	Robin	Heinzeroth
6-Jul	Rachel	Johnson	19-Jul	Hayley	Mulford
7-Jul	Mary	Deike	20-Jul	Ann	Barr
7-Jul	Ashley	Klaffke	20-Jul	Brenda	Harman
8-Jul	Noah	Johnson	21-Jul	Daryl	Wiese
8-Jul	Jenna	Shahan	22-Jul	Nola	Gehrke
9-Jul	Travis	Prochaska	23-Jul	Lily	Becker
9-Jul	Murphy	Wiese	23-Jul	Stanley	Kruse
12-Jul	Clara	Hill	24-Jul	Matthew	Becker
12-Jul	Dylan	Jennison	25-Jul	Tyson	Pohlman
12-Jul	Debra	Kuhfus	27-Jul	Landon	Sanders
12-Jul	Ferando	Munguia Jr.	28-Jul	Jennifer	Dodd
13-Jul	Ava	Ahrens	29-Jul	Sage	Heitland
13-Jul	Mckenzie	Barr	29-Jul	Marjean	Jensen
13-Jul	Brayden	McDaniel	29-Jul	Steven	Mulford
13-Jul	Rylee	Robison	31-Jul	Tyler	Duit
14-Jul	Addalee	Bicknese			

Happy Anniversary!

8-Jul	Jennifer & Doug	Dodd	18-Jul	Jackie & Scott	Ahrens
10-Jul	Jessica & Troy	Loewen	19-Jul	Ashley & Ryan	Kuker
14-Jul	Jayne & Matt	Becker	21-Jul	Kari & Kyle	Janes
15-Jul	Lois & Donald	Jones	27-Jul	Mary & Brian	Qualley
15-Jul	Emily & Jason	Snyder	29-Jul	Bernice & David	Lancaster
15-Jul	Jennifer & Mike	Lancaster			

READ THE BIBLE EACH DAY

July	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT	PSALMS	PROVERBS
1	2 Sam 17:1-29	John 19:25-42	119:129-152	16:12-13
2	2 Sam 18:1-19:8	John 20:1-31	119:153-176	16:14-15
3	2 Sam 19:9-20:26	John 21:1-25	120:1-7	16:16-17
4	2 Sam 21:1-22:20	Acts 1:1-26	121:1-8	16:18
5	2 Sam 22:21-23:39	Acts 2:1-47	122:1-9	16:19-20
6	2 Sm 24:1-24:25	Acts 3:1-26	123:1-4	16:21-23
7	1 Kings 1:1-53	Acts 4:1-37	124:1-8	16:24
8	1 Kings 2:1-46	Acts 5:1-42	125:1-5	16:25
9	1 Kings 3:1-4:34	Acts 6:1-15	126:1-6	16:26-28
10	1 Kings 5:1-6:38	Acts 7:1-29	127:1-5	16:28-30
11	1 Kings 7:1-51	Acts 7:30-50	128:1-6	16:31-33
12	1 Kings 8:1-66	Acts 7:51-8:13	129:1-8	17:01
13	1 Kings 9:1-10:29	Acts 8:14-40	130:1-8	17:2-3
14	1 Kings 11:1-12:24	Acts 9:1-25	131:1-3	17:4-5
15	1 Kings 12:25:13:34	Acts 9:26-43	132:1-18	17:06
16	1 Kings 14:1-15:24	Acts 10:1-23	133:1-3	17:7-8
17	1 Kings 15:25-17:24	Acts 10:24-48	134:1-3	17:9-11
18	1 Kings 18:1-46	Acts 11:1-30	135:1-21	17:12-13
19	1 Kings 19:1-21	Acts 12:1-24	136:1-26	17:14-15
20	1 Kings 20:1-21:29	Acts 12:25-13:12	137:1-9	16:16-17
21	1 Kings 22:1-53	Acts 13:13-41	138:1-8	17:17-18
22	2 Kings 1:1-2:25	Acts 13:42-14:7	139:1-24	17:19-21
23	2 Kings 3:1-4:17	Acts 14:8-28	140:1-13	17:22
24	2 Kings 4:18-5:27	Acts 15:1-29	141:1-10	17:23
25	2 Kings 6:1-7:20	Acts 15:30-16:15	142:1-7	17:24-25
26	2 Kings 8:1-9:13	Acts 16:16-40	143:1-12	17:26
27	2 Kings 9:14-10:36	Acts 17:1-34	144:1-15	17:28-28
28	2 Kings 11:1-12:21	Acts 18:1-23	145:1-21	18:01
29	2 Kings 13:1-14:29	Acts 18:24-19:10	146:1-10	18:2-3
30	2 Kings 15:1-16:20	Acts 19:11-41	147:1-20	18:4-5
31	2 Kings 17:1-18:16	Acts 20:1-38	148:1-14	18:6-7



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Through God's love as revealed to us in Jesus Christ, it is the purpose of Bethany Lutheran Church to proclaim the gospel of that love throughout the world by creating and building a community of worship in the Lutheran tradition of Word and Sacrament, providing fellowship, encouraging growth through learning and reaching out in witness and service.

WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE THE MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

As disciples of Jesus we will strive to:

Pray Daily

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Worship Weekly

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Read the Bible daily

Serve at and beyond Bethany Lutheran Church

Unite with and be in

Relationship with others

Give of our time, talents, and resources

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BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Jackson Kobe - Youth Representative

Kim Hartford

Dave Jones

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