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WORSHIP SERVICE

May 5-6

Saturday, May 5- 5:30

Sunday, May 6- 8:30

9:45 Sunday School &
God's Work Our Hands
NO 11:00 Service

Summer Worship Schedule
Starting May 13

Saturday -5:30

Sunday -9:00

July 1st will be Community Worship
Service
At Estes Park -11:00

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Pastor's Perspective

In our recent Cottage meetings, we talked about what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Discipleship is a journey of faith that changes us in one way or another. As we look to the future of what God has in store for us let us first jump back 2000 years. In Acts 4 there is a phenomenal picture of the Early Church. A Christian community whose lives together in ministry is summed up in four verses. These verses give us a picture of what the early church was like -and in some ways what the church is called to be today. There are three phrases in this inspired paragraph that have thrilled and frustrated the church for 2000 years and it has a lot to say to us.

After I had just finished reading the first six chapters of Acts for my Luke-Acts class in seminary, I found myself wondering what it would be like to be part of a church community that attempted to live like the church described in Acts chapter two, four, and six. These were communities of fellowship in Christ, that believed that they were saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus. Each day of their lives they responded to that saving grace. It was this community's response to Jesus that seemed to light a fire underneath me. It was then that I felt that I was called to help guide church communities in responding to God's grace. Soon I found myself reading what Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Jurgen Moltmann and other church teachers had to say about our response, our discipleship. A few years later, as a member of our Synods Discipleship Team, I continued in my study of how we respond as disciples. As I studied I also strived to live out my discipleship and guide others in doing likewise.

As we read Acts 2, 4 and 6, the first thing we learn is that God guides us toward one heart and soul (2:44, 4:32). Acts 4:32 states, "the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul." Unity of the faithful is a common theme of the Bible. In Psalm 133:1 we read, "How good and pleasant it is when people live together in unity!" In John 17:23 Jesus prayed, "They may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." Paul wrote in Romans 15:5-6, "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Followers of Christ are called on to be of one heart and soul. As disciples of Jesus here at Bethany Lutheran, we are to seek the heart and soul of Christ in all that we do. How do we do that? We pray daily; we love one another; we worship regularly; we read scripture to learn more of God; we serve others; we unite together in fellowship, we give of the resources that God has loaned to us to carry out God's mission in the world; and we evangelize, telling others about Jesus. Living the above marks of discipleship will help guide us into closer community.

The second thing we learn from these chapters is that God guides us in telling the story, the Good News of Jesus Christ. We read in Acts 2:47 "Day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." Acts 4:33 "With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all." and Acts 6:7 "The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem." The story of Jesus was shared by the community. Today there seems to be an underlying belief that telling the story of Jesus is only for a select few who have been specially trained and equipped, only for evangelists. The rest of us are just too frightened and tongue-tied to say anything because the story of Jesus is just too private a thing, between us and God. Well, faith is not a private matter. It can be personal, but it is never private. Telling the story of Jesus is not just for evangelists. We are all called by Christ to be witnesses; we're all called to share our faith. Whenever I ask new members classes what brought them to the community at least 80% say someone invited them.

The third thing we learn is that God guides us toward extravagant care of one another. We see this in Acts 2:44-45 and 4:34-35 where we read: "There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need." This is the picture of the first-century church. This is the picture of the twenty-first-century church. A community united and caring for one another. This caring and giving is not forced, for then it would be out of law and not grace but it comes out of love, from the heart of each disciple, as guided by the Holy Spirit.

An ancient rabbi once asked his pupils how they could tell when the night had ended and the dawn had come. "Could it be," asked one student, "when you can see an animal in the distance and tell whether it is a sheep or a dog?" "No," answered the Rabbi. "Could it be," asked another, "when you look at a tree in the distance and tell whether it is a fig tree or a peach tree?" "No," said the Rabbi. "Well, then what is it?" his pupils demanded. "It is when you look on the face of any [person] and can see your brother [or sister]. Because if you cannot do this, then no matter what time it is, it is still night." (Marjorie J. Thompson, *Soul Feast*, Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, 1995, p.127.)

I believe that God is guiding us into discipleship and we are to step into the broad daylight of God's future for Bethany Lutheran. Living a life of discipleship begins with each of us individually and all of us gathered in community, as it did with the church of Acts. In other words, the call to follow where God is guiding is a call to both the individual and the community of faith together as one. Where is God guiding you/us today? Toward whose heart and soul is God guiding you/us? Toward what testimony of Jesus Christ is God guiding you/us? Toward what kind of extravagant care is God guiding you/us?

The Lord holds our future in God's hands. United in love and fellowship we step into God's call for us, guided by an amazing Spirit who loves us with an amazing love. O what joy! Let's go into the light of God's future together. In Jesus' name. Amen.
In Christ's Love,
Pastor Tim

Council Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2018

Members Present: Joel Weeks, Sara Kobe, Grace Jones, Jackson Kobe, Kari Janes, Dave Jones, Karlton Krause, Mark Noll, Lisa Robison, and Pastor Tim Maybee.

Also Present: Connie Moehlman

Devotions: Pastor Tim Maybee

Called to Order: 12:07 p.m. by Joel Weeks

Financial Report: We had a large donation towards the Contingency Fund, TeenServe, and the National Youth Gathering. We had a good month for Thrivent Choice. Discussion and sign-up sheet was sent around for money counter training. This will meet requirements of segregation of duties. We will be setting up an audit in the near future. The Treasurer's Report stands for audit.

March Minutes: Mark moved to approve the March Meeting Minutes. Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- **Properties:** The committee met and our working on several projects: Kitchen Door, Security Cameras, Lighting, Painting, Service Contract, and Recognition for Work. **Action Item** Mark moved to install a new door for the kitchen entrance with a keypad and repair the youth room exterior door. This will be paid out of the Contingency Fund. Lisa seconded. Motion carried.
- **Nominating:** There was discussion of terms for current members.
- **Worship & Music:** There will be a meeting in the near future to discuss summer worship and music.

Pastor's Report: The Pork Loin Dinner is April 22. The sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.

Unfinished Business:

- **Council Retreat:** The dates for the Council Retreat are Thursday, May 3rd from 6:00 to 8:30 and Thursday, May 17th from 6:00 to 8:30. These meetings will take place at the Pump Haus in Alden. The purpose of the retreat is to review the information from the Cottage Meetings to develop the vision for Bethany in the next five years.
- **God's Work Our Hands** is Sunday, May 6th. There will be one service on Sunday at 8:30. Information will be sent out seeking projects. The council was in favor of making lunches for farmers as part of the day.
- **Holy Week:** Pastor Tim asked for feedback on the services for Holy Week. The attendance was up from last year.
- **Insurance:** Discussion in regard to the change in our insurance carrier for property, liability, and worker's compensation. We will seek quotes from local agents in January or February to go into effect on April 1, 2019.

New Business:

- **New Council Members:** With a resignation, we now have two vacancies on the Council. There was a list generated of people to ask to be appointed to the Council to complete terms.
- **Summer Worship:** The will still be Saturday Service at 5:30 p.m. Sunday will go to one service at 9:00 a.m. starting with May 13. This will be the service recognizing the Graduates. More information will come after the Worship & Music Committee Meeting.
- **Invite a Friend Sunday:** Pastor is looking at a Late September or Early October service. The goal is for members to invite people to come to church. There will be a special service followed by a meal. A question was posed regarding who to ask, it should be trying to get people who do not have a church home.

Adjourn: Sara moved to adjourn at 1:21 p.m. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting will be Monday, May 7 at 6:30 (Note the difference due to Mother's Day)

May Devotions: Kari Janes

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel Weeks

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	2 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 4:15 VBS planning meeting 5:15 7 & 8 Gr Youth 6:00 Dinner 6:20 Confirmation Party-Last Day 6:45 HS youth 7:00 Choir	3 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Rebekah Circle 9:30 Riverside Conference 1:00 Quilting 6:00 Council Retreat 6:30 Scouts	4 8:15 Exercise	5 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship
6 8:30 Worship-Teacher Recognition, Children Sing 9:45 Sunday School-God's Work Our Hands 6:30 Joan Hanson Recital	7 8:15 Exercise 6:00 Worship @ Ashbrook 6:30 Council Meeting	8 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	9 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 5:15 Ruth Circle @ River Tap 7:00 Choir	10 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 6:30 Scouts	11 Pastor's Day Off Work @ Thrift Store 8:15 Exercise	12 Work @ Thrift Store 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship Caring Callers
13 8:30 Worship Grad Recognition Caring Callers 	14 Pastor's Day Off 8:15 Exercise 6:00 Ashbrook Worship	15 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	16 Free Meals @ Methodist Church 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	17 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 6:00 Council Retreat 6:30 Scouts	18 8:15 Exercise	19 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship Caring Callers
20 9:00 Worship-Setting 4 Starts Caring Callers 5:00 Elderberries	21 Pastor's Day Off 8:15 Exercise 6:00 Ashbrook Worship	22 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	23 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	24 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 6:30 Scouts	25 8:15 Exercise	26 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship
27 9:00 Worship	28 Memorial Day Office Closed 6:00 Worship at Ashbrook	29 Work @ Thrift Shop 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	30 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	31 1:00 Quilting 6:30 Scouts		

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UP COMING EVENTS

GOD'S WORK—OUR HANDS: is May 6, after the 8:30 Service the disciples at Bethany Lutheran Church is invited to do Community Service Projects. If you know of something that needs to be done that would help a member of this community or a project that would help the community of Iowa Falls, please call the church office at 641-648-3555 with your suggestions. It can be anything from changing out lightbulbs and batteries for smoke alarms for those that can't do it themselves to cleaning a garden. The more hands we have, the more we can get done. Lunch will be served to them at 12:00 noon by the Bethany Lutheran Thrivent Choice Committee Sunday School students will work on a project at church. There are many ways to help! Come join the fun of serving in God's name!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: Thank you for the \$490.70 donated by the congregation for quilt shipping.

Totals for Lutheran World Relief this cycle:

139 health kits 40 pounds of soap 91 school kits 127 quilts

Thank you to all who helped in any way!

TO ALL WOMEN - DATES TO REMEMBER

Rebekah Circle, 5th - 9:30 a.m. @ church

Ruth Circle, April 4th-7:00 p.m. @ church

April 28, 2018, The Riverside Cluster F Gathering, that was postponed due to weather from April 14th to April 28th is at Our Savior's, Radcliffe, IA. Speaker will be Diane Wills, whose topic is "Service Dogs Followed by a short business meeting. 8:30a.m. registration and time for fellowship. Cost: \$8.00. Morning coffee and lunch included. Call Avis Johnson 641-373-3154 with questions. It is also posted at the church.

June 16, 2018, 31st Synodical WELCA Gathering, Wartburg College, Waverly, IA. We gather for worship with Holy Communion, breakout sessions which include Toro Bag Ladies, LSI, Mandalas, Synod Disaster, Representative on Faithful Friends, just to mention a few. Key note speaker is Pastor Kevin Doely, who is also a ventriloquist. Cost: \$48.00 by May 15. Contact person: Pastor Jane Granzow, 641-316-1046.

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.

ELDERBERRIES: May 20 the Elderberries will meet at 5:00pm for a potluck. Music by members of The Voice will play some popular music. All over 50 are welcome.

CARING CALLERS: will be May 19-20.

EASTER BOXES: We delivered 2 boxes of food to each of 27 families who needed help with their Easter meal. One box had dry goods and canned items in it and the other had refrigerated items in it. There can be no question that the families I delivered to needed help and I have talked to others who delivered and they feel the same way. Some of you brought wonderful food items, some contributed monetarily and with those donations we bought ham, milk, fresh fruit, etc., some called the people getting the boxes, some came and helped us pack boxes and 13 people delivered the boxes to families. Thank you so much for your support.
The Social Concerns and Mission Committee

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: will be held Monday May 7th at 6:30 pm.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL RETREAT: Will be Thursday May 3 and 17 from 6:30-8:00. Church council will be using the information gathered at the last year of Cottage Meetings to vision and prepare for Bethany's future mission and ministry.

GRADUATE'S SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 13, we will be recognizing our high school graduates at the 9:00 service. After the service, we will have a cake reception. If your child is graduating from high school, we would love to recognize them for their achievement! Please inform the church office if they will be able to attend this service.

We would also like to recognize our college graduates. If you or your child is graduating from college, please send us the name of the graduate and what degree they have achieved.

Our 2018 High School Graduates Are

Dayna Dodd

Hannah Heetland

Cheyenne Heitland

Regan Hickman

Stephen Moehlman

Jayda Mulford

Sara Qualley

Alexandra Sanders

YOUTH & SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS

MAY 2- The Last Day of Confirmation & End of Year Party is May 2.

May 6 is the final day of Sunday School. Sunday school students will sing and receive their year-end certificates. There is only one service that day at 8:30.

The Sunday School students will also be participating in God's Work Our Hands during the Sunday School Hour.

May 13- we will be recognizing our seniors at the 8:30 service with cake and punch at fellowship after the service. Please come and wish our seniors well as they graduate and start a new chapter of their lives. Graduates please confirm with the church you will be attending. We will meet at 8:15 a.m. Wear your cap and gown. Any questions, please contact Robin Sampson

REMINDER: that scholarship applications are past due.

We will accept them until Friday, April 27th.

April 29th – Final day of class for Sunday School Students

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:



VBS/Day Camp this year will be July 9-12 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm with a closing program on Thursday at 6:30 pm followed by an ice cream social. Again, we will be doing VBS in partnership with Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp. This year's theme is Seek First "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33

Specific themes for each day include:

Monday: Seek God

Tuesday: Seek Us

Wednesday: Seek Others

Thursday: Seek First

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.

May 1-7 Andrew, Megan, Lily, Alivia, & Landyn Hansen

Dean & Corine Hundahl

Doug, Becky, Kirby & Zachary Hunt

Crystal Inks

Lyle Izer

May 7-14 Kyle, Kari, Logan, Lexa, Harli, & Rana Janes

Bruce & Laurie Jeffries

Kirk, Jenny, Jaelynn, Brody & Josie Jeffries

John, Shannon, David & Nicholas Jensen

May 14-22 Marjean Jensen

Adam, Rachel, Noah, Anna & Caleb Johnson

Alan & Anita Johnson

George & Alice Johnson

May 23-31 Jerold Johnson

Lorraine Johnson

Robert & Avis Johnson

David, Susan, Grace, Faith & Hope Jones





05/01	Anna	Johnson	05/13	Carolyn	Koch
05/01	Logan	Mourlam	05/14	James	Braga
05/03	Carson	Allen	05/14	Hannah	Heetland
05/03	Ryder	Kuker	05/14	Sarah	McDaniel
05/04	Jeffrey	Sundholm	05/14	Shawn	Shahan
05/05	Ben	Bicknese	05/15	Kathy	Dagit
05/05	Tom	Dagit	05/15	Lisa	Tibbs
05/05	Robin	Sampson	05/18	Chad	Heetland
05/06	Drake	Sanders	05/20	Lyle	Izer
05/06	Madeleine	Weeks	05/21	Dennis	Steding
05/07	Mark	Hanson	05/22	Tianna	Metz
05/07	Lora	Juhl	05/23	Rita	Hoversten
05/07	Jack	Krause	05/24	Jordan	Mulford
05/07	Alexandra	Sanders	05/27	David	Jones
05/07	Brian	Sauerbrei	05/27	Matt	Mulford
05/08	RJ	Ford	05/28	Alice	Johnson
05/08	Ashley	Halder	05/28	Jacy	Nelsen
05/08	Ryan	Halder	05/29	Wade	Harken
05/09	Martin	Turner	05/29	Lynn	Kramer
05/13	Jacob	Cavner	05/29	Sharon	Meineke



05/12	Ben & Joyce Bicknese	05/22	Jo & Aaron Heiar
05/12	Mindy & Brandon Gehrke	05/24	Michelle & Wade Harken
05/13	Rita & Paul Hoversten	05/25	Sandi & Kenneth Butt
05/14	Cheryl & Gerry Lenguadoro	05/30	Bette & Tim Maybee
05/15	Lora & Steve Juhl	05/31	Mary & Jon Heitland
05/17	Erin & Matt Mulford	05/31	Justin & Kim Aldinger
05/19	Kim & Adam Hartford		

1	Deut 16:1-17:20	Luke 9:7-27	72;1-20	12:8-9
2	Deut 18:1-20:20	Luke 9:28-50	73:1-28	12:10
3	Deut 21:1-22:30	Luke 9:51-10:12	74:1-23	12:11
4	Deut 23:1-25:19	Luke 10:13-37	75:1-10	12:12-14
5	Deut 26:1-27:26	Luke 10:38-11:13	76:1-12	12:15-17
6	Deut 28:1-68	Luke 11:14-36	77:1-20	12:18
7	Deut 29:1-30:20	Luke 11:37-12:7	78:1-25	12:19-20
8	Deut 31:1-32:9	Luke 12:8-34	78:26-45	12:21-23
9	Deut 32:10-52	Luke 12:35-59	78:46-58	12:24
10	Deut 33:1-29	Luke 13:1-21	78:59-72	12:25
11	Deut 34:1-Josh 2:24	Luke 13:22-14:6	79:1-3	12:26
12	Josh 3:1-4:24	Luke 14:7-35	80:1-19	12:27-28
13	Josh 5:1-7:9	Luke 15:1-32	81:1-16	13:01
14	Josh 7:10-8:35	Luke 16:1-18	82:1-8	13:2-3
15	Josh 9:1-10:43	Luke 16:19-17:10	83:1-18	13:04
16	Josh 11:1-12:24	Luke 17:11-37	84:1-12	1:5-6
17	Josh 13:1-14:15	Luke 18:1-17	85:1-13	13:7-8
18	Josh 15:1-63	Luke 18:18-43	86:1-17	13:9-10
19	Josh 16:1-18:28	Luke 19:1-27	87:1-7	13:11
20	Josh 19:1-20:9	Luke 19:28-48	88:1-18	13:12-14
21	Josh 21:1-22:20	Luke 20:1-26	89:1-13	13:15-16
22	Josh 22:21-23:16	Luke 20:27-47	89:14-37	13:17-19
23	Josh 24:1-33	Luke 21:1-28	89:38-52	13:20-23
24	Judges 1:1-2:9	Luke 21:29-22:13	90:1-91:16	13:24-25
25	Judges 2:10-3:31	Luke 22:14-34	92:1-93:5	14:1-2
26	Judges 4:1-5:31	Luke 22:35-54	94:1-23	14:3-4
27	Judges 6:1-40	Luke 22:55-23:10	95:1-96:13	14:5-6
28	Judges 7:1-8:16	Luke 23:11-43	97:1-98:9	14:7-8
29	Judges 8:17-9:21	Luke 23:44-24:12	99:1-9	14:9-10
30	Judges 9:22-10:18	Luke 24:13-53	100:1-5	14:11-12
31	Judges 11:1-12:15	John 1:1-28	101:1-8	14:13-14

READ THE BIBLE EACH DAY



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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