

On November  $4^{th} - 5^{th}$  Worship services will honor those baptized and remember those who departed this past year

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## FINANCIALS FOR OCTOBER??

**General Fund Financial Report** 

Month	Income	Expenses	Net Income (Loss)
October	\$13,211.38	\$16,107.94	(\$2,896.56)
November	\$14,184.78	\$20,414.17	(\$6,229.39)
December	\$28,769.33	\$23,395.55	\$5,373.78
January	\$14,119.58	\$22,390.48	(\$8,270.90)
February	\$14,957.33	\$21,768.90	(\$6,811.57)
March	\$20,968.00	\$28,335.05	(\$7,367.05)
April	\$17,780.85	\$25,547.26	(\$7,766.41)
May	\$13,896.33	\$19,521.75	(\$5,625.42)
June	\$11,000.33	\$23,189.24	(\$12,188.91)
July	\$12,606.45	\$19,164.56	(\$6,558.11)
August	\$12,824.33	\$21,472.16	(\$8,647.80)
11 Months Total	\$174,318.69	\$240,207.55	(\$65,888.86)

## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH ONLINE GIVING QR CODE:



#### **AUTHORIZATION FORM**

The **Simply Giving** Program endorsed by

Name of the organization: BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?" — Psalm 22:1

#### Dear church,

As Lutherans, we are accustomed to holding tension between two truths. Thus the ELCA denounces the egregious acts of Hamas, acts that have led to unspeakable loss of life and hope. At the same time the ELCA denounces the indiscriminate retaliation of Israel against the Palestinian people, both Christian and Muslim.

For the past week we have borne witness to the horrors of the escalating crisis between Israel and Hamas. We also watch a growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as Israel blocks food, water, fuel and medical supplies and as airstrikes continue to cause unbearable civilian casualties ahead of a just-announced ground assault. We see Israelis and families around the world in the agonizing wait for word about the fate of loved ones killed or taken hostage by Hamas. We are in anguish, grieving and praying for all people who are living in trauma, fear and uncertainty.

Among us are Palestinian Lutherans who are fearful for their families, their communities and their homeland. In our communities we have Jewish and Muslim neighbors, who are also facing the horrors of this crisis and its impact on their loved ones.

It is difficult to find words that suffice in the complexity of this moment, and in the web of relationships that bind us together, as church, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and our interreligious partners. Yet God has called us to be a people who stand with others amid suffering.

We must also call a thing a thing. The power exerted against all Palestinian people — through the occupation, the expansion of settlements and the escalating violence — must be called out as a root cause of what we are witnessing. We are committed to our long-standing accompaniment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

The God who liberates us calls us to be a liberating witness. May it be so.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

From the ELCA website: <u>ELCA presiding bishop issues statement on Israel-Hamas war - ELCA</u> Posted 10/13/2023

#### All Saints' Weekend is November 4th/5th

Bethany will observe All Saints' Day, during our worship on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We will honor the Saints who joined our Christian family through the waters of baptism since All Saints' Sunday, 2022. We will also remember God's Saints who have departed from this life to life eternal since All Saints' Sunday, 2022.

# Christ Triumphant The Church Triumphant

God's Saints who joined us in the body of Christ are:

#### Saints Received in Baptism



+Archer Tor Hoversten+Dottie Mae Hoversten+Rhett Michael Sims+Aiden Asher Stalzer+Ellie Marie Krause+Jorry Chris VanHove+Ames Vincent Weidemann+Russell Browning Picht+William Alan Meyer+Brooks Andrew Hickman

+Bridger Theodore Hickman

God's Saints of Bethany Lutheran Church, and their family, who have departed from this life with Christ's promise of life eternal since All Saints' Sunday, 2022 are:

#### Saints Received into Eternal Life



+Marvin Granzow+Bob Johnson+Wilma Krabbe+Michael Wright+Shirley Hansen+Brandon Stockdale+William Wiedemann+Vern Ziesman+Scott Young+Nathian Noriega+John Engelby+Sylvia Kiburz

中Raymond Moore中Tommy Marsh中The Reverend Netha Brada中Nancy Jacobson中 Marlene Jackson中Bret Morgan中Karen Granzow

#### October 15, 2023 Annual Meeting Highlights:

October 16, 2022 Congregational Annual Minutes: Unanimously Approved

Proposed 2023-24 Budget: Unanimously Approved

Elected Council Members: Kim Aldinger and Rachel Johnson

2024 Nominating Ministry Team: Unanimously elected

Outgoing Council member to be decided later, Quinn Hoversten, and Steve Weidemann

Immediately following the Annual Meeting Council held a meeting to elect officers:

President: Robin Sampson Vice President: Kaitlyn Hoversten Secretary: Ashley Kuker

Treasurer: Paul Hoversten

Council Members: Kim Aldinger, Holly Carlberg, Rachel Johnson, Wanda Koehrsen, Pat Krieger,

Brian Sauerbrei, and Pastor Howard

## **Confirmands Serve at the Christian Women United Thrift Store**











High School Youth Group's Wagon Ride and Bonfire









## Confirmation Rehearsal: October 22, 2023

Jack Duit, Grace Hartford, Brooks Hickman, Caden Kuker, Brady Lancaster, Drake Sanders, Ivy Sanders, and Nick Tibbs.





















The New Faith Wall! (Confirmand's Confirmation Verse)



Set your clocks back ONE HOUR before going to bed on Saturday, November  $4^{th}$ .

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, Nov. 5th

#### **Interested in being a Mentor?**

A mentor is someone who provides a positive influence for a another, and creates a relationship that promotes encouragement and empowerment towards better decisions. Many need a voice of support and knowledgeable experience to help them through this chaotic world. We invite you to a night of training to help you be that person of support.

Pastor Erling Shultz will lead us in the skills and knowledge one needs to be a mentor. The training will be **November 9, 7 p.m., at Bethany Lutheran Church**. This training is guided by the need of volunteers for Barnabas House, but it will also be applicable to many situations. Thank you for considering and we hope to see you there.

#### New Disciples' (Members') Class

You are warmly invited to become a fellow disciple of Christ at Bethany Lutheran Church. We encourage you to be in prayerful consideration about joining the family of Christ here at Bethany. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.



**WHO:** All people interested in being the Body of Christ at Bethany.

**WHEN:** Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 2:30-4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Bethany's Fellowship Hall

**RECEIVING:** The weekend following the class

# Service of Thanksgiving



**WHO:** EVERYONE!

WHEN: November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> WHERE: Bethany Lutheran

TIME: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday

WHY: Expressing Joyous Gratefulness for the

Blessings from God



The liturgical year, or church year, ends November 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> as we observe Christ the King. We end the year acknowledging that Christ is our true King; "he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords" 1 Timothy 6:15. The following weekend, December 2<sup>nd</sup>/3rd, begins the new church year; Advent. As we enter the Advent season, let us submit to the Lordship of our Savior Jesus Christ in our lives.

#### **THANK YOU**

Dear Council and Bethany's Congregation ~ My siblings in Christ, I am overwhelmed and humbled by your gratitude for me! I love the pastor blanket (it's so soft!), the Willow Tree figurine, and the gift card to the Coffee Attic. Mike and I have enjoyed a coffee/chai and a scone through your generosity.

I am excited to follow God's continued lead as we together discern Bethany's future.

Thank You! You gave me a surprise that is deeply heartfelt.

Love in Christ, Pr. Maureen

Thank you **Robin Sampson** and **Kaitlyn Hoversten** for providing abundant hospitality and a delicious meal for the confirmands, families, and mentors for the Confirmation Rehearsal Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. The meal, table settings, and your hospitality created an atmosphere of joy and celebration. We are grateful.

Thank you to **Pastor Erling Shultz** and the **First United Methodist Church** for allowing Bethany to borrow your kneeler for the Affirmation of Baptism Rehearsal and Service. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and the kneeler perfect.



#### PLEASE JOIN US!

Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner Community Free will Donation Meal

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(Dine In/Carryout/Delivery)

DATE: Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023
WHERE: Bethany Lutheran Church
2712 Washington Avenue
Iowa Falls. IA 50126

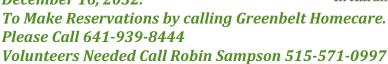
TIME: 12 o'clock noon

Please call 648-3555 for Reservations



BETHANY LUTHERAN HARDIN COUNTY PASS ALONG PARTY from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

December 16, 2032.







#### Bethany Lutheran Church Council Regular Meeting Sunday, September 10, 2023

#### **Members Present:**

Wanda Koehrsen, Robin Sampson, Carol Polzin, Holly Carlberg, Brian Sauerbrei, Jayne Becker, Ashley Kuker, Pastor Howard, Joel Weeks, finance comm.,

#### Robin called the meeting to order.

#### **Reports:**

Treasurer's report was given. Giving not what we thought and costs have increased. Joel shared an update from Vanco with the new giving site. We are working on updating ways that people can give, including text to give.

August Financial Reports stand for audit.

#### Secretary's Report:

• Ashley moved and Jayne 2nd to approve the minutes with correction.

Motion Carried

#### **Committee Reports:**

- See written reports for details.
- Stewardship committee will be sending out intent cards for giving out this week, with goal of having them returned by the 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Business**

- Collecting budgets to put 23 -24 budget together.
- Committee reports for annual meeting are due soon.
- Looking for people to finish Lynn Kramer's house next weekend.
- The painting of the Barnabus house is complete.
- Working to switch the Barnabus house to its own 501c3 instead of under Bethany.
- Temple Talks have been going well. We are trying to put together a video or all of them to be able to use at a later time.
- Endowment plan is still in progress. Will close books for this year and finish the Generosity of Giving before presenting to congregation.
- Wednesday nights will be different. The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday will be Club 456 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday will be Family Fellowship with meals provided.
- Starting to get people signed up for the Church Directory.
- Ecclesiastical ballot process for new Council members.
  - Jayne moved & Ashley seconded for Carol Polzin, Joel Weeks and Paul Hoversteen to be on the committee.
     Motion Carried
- Will be scheduling a TeenServe re-cap weekend presentation.
- Kaitlin is working on ways to better communicate information to the congregation. Please share ideas with her.
- BLCW board has decided to disband. Will have about a year of giving and then will be done, then will become Rebecca Bible Study.

Bible Study.		
Ashley moved and Holly 2nd to adjourn.	Motion Carried	

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

October's meeting will be held Oct. 8 at 11:00.

**Devotions:** 

#### **BETHANY HAPPENINGS**

**LECTORS\*USHERS\*GREETERS\*COMMUNION HELP NEEDED:** Worship Assistant for November. If interested please sign up at the Narthex Desk, Call or email Brenda at the Church office 641-648-3555.

**THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Thrift Store volunteers needed on Saturday, October 28th. Sign-up sheets are on the Narthex Desk or Call Bethany Office at 641-648-3555. Thank You!

**HARDIN COUNTY FOOD PANTRY:** When you are purchasing your staples to make holiday goodies, keep in mind that our friends who use the Food Pantry could probably use some also. We all love to have those tasty treats around over the Holidays. You'll find the donation box in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you very much and have a "Blessed Holiday Season".

**CHRISTMAS WITH FRIENDS:** The Bethany choir will be performing Sunday, December 3rd at the UCC "Christmas with Friends" (formerly "Festival of Trees") The schedule is as follows:5:45-6:10 - Bethany Choir, 6:35-7:00 - Combined Choirs (including Bethany) and group sing along. Please join us for a great start to the holidays!!

**RUTH CIRCLE:** We have a meeting Nov. 8 at 7 in Friendship Room. We also have our xmas party on December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Red's Smokehouse.

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS IN NOVEMBER

SATURDAY 5:30

**NOVEMBER 4** All Saint Sunday

**Lector:** 

NOVEMBER 11

Lector: Mark Hanson

**NOVEMBER 18 Service of Thanksgiving** 

**Lector:** 

**NOVEMBER 25** Christ the King

**Lector:** 

IF INTERESTED IN
FILLING AN OPEN SPOT PLEASE CALL THE
CHURCH OFFICE AT

641-648-3555. THANK YOU!

**SUNDAY 9:00** 

**NOVEMBER 5 All Saint Sunday** 

Lector: Usher: Greeter:

Coffee Host: Gail Cavner

(3)Communion:

**Acolyte:** 

**NOVEMBER 12** 

Lector: Usher: Greeter:

Coffee Host: Lois Jones

(3) Communion:

**Acolyte:** 

**NOVEMBER 19 Service of Thanksgiving** 

Lector: Usher: Greeter:

Coffee Host: Crystal Inks

(3)Communion:

**Acolyte:** 

**NOVEMBER 26** Christ the King

Lector: Usher: Greeter:

Coffee Host: Jamie Keninger

(3)Communion:

**Acolyte:** 



#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Eunice Zeigler, Dave Rieber, Tom Moravec, Audrey Knott, Connie Surls, Steve
Trusty, Sandi Butt, Patty Andriakos - Celene Andersen's sister; Karen Rew - Friend of
Kathy Dagit. Frank Curtis - Brother-in-law of Diane Hansen & Sonja Bauer. Madison
Craighton - daughter of a co-worker of Kathy Dagit. Bentley Anderson- grandson of Mike
& Celene Anderson, Merle Reingardt - Friend of Randy & Darla Hansen. Alyce Howard Mike Howard's mother

#### 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

Week of November 5 Linda York

Eunice Zeigler

Leroy & Diane Ziesman

Levi & Laura, Grace Ziesman Henze

Week of November 12 Scott & Jackie, Ava, Owen Ahrens

Justin & Kim, Lindsay, Logan Aldinger Ryan & Nikki, Carson, Leah, Nolan Allen

Carol Alt

Week of November 19 Celene & Michael Anderson

Levi & Jillian, Ali Anderson

Kay & Glen Bahr

Mike & Ann, McKenzie, Danielle Barr

Week of November 26 Sonja & RD Bauer

Matthew & Jayne, Lily, Lydia Becker

Virginia Beckman

Marileigh Behrends





11/07 Levi & Laura Ziesman – Henze 11/16 Quinton & Kylie Krause 11/20 Maria & Chad Heetland 11/24 Diane & Leroy Ziesman



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SOLDILL	WIOTUDITI	TOLSDAY	1 6:00 Club 3,4,5,6 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00p Confirmation 8pm KIFG- Bethany Sunday Sermon	2 9:30am Rebekah Circle 1:00 Quilting & Quilt-Tiers	3	4 5:30 pm All Saints Worship
5 9:00a All Saints Sunday Worship/ Choir Sings/Live Stream 10:15 Faith Formation	6 Pastor Maureen – Sabbath Day	7 Pastor Synod Meeting	8 7:00p Choir Practice 7:00pm Ruth Circle 7:00pm Confirmation 8:30 Church Teen Baking Cookies  8pm KIFG- Bethany Sunday Sermon	9 1:00 Quilting & Quilt-Tiers 7-8:30pm Barnabas House Mentoring, Training	10	5:30 pm Worship Service
9:00 24th Sunday After Pentecost Worship/ Live Stream Brian Herrin Plays 10:15 Faith Formation 2:30-4:30p New Members class 4-5p Cub Scouts	Pastor Maureen – Sabbath Day	7:00 Stewardship Meeting	6:00pm Fellowship Fun Night No Choir Practice 7:00pm Confirmation 8pm KIFG- Bethany Suday Sermon	1:00 Quilting & Quilt-Tiers	17  Brenda Gone	5:30 pm Service of Thanksgiving
9:00 25th Sunday After Pentecost Worship/Choir Sings/Receive New Members/Live Stream 10:15 Faith Formation Christmas Program Practice	20	21	9:30-5:30p WIC Clinic No Choir Practice No Confirmation 8pm KIFG- Bethany Sunday Sermon	OFFICE CLOSED Noon Thanksgiving Meal	24 OFFICE CLOSED	5:30 pm Christ the King Worship
26 9:00am Christ the King/Live Stream No Faith Formation	27 Pastor Maureen – Sabbath Day	5:00pm Iowa Falls Historical Society Meeting	7:00 Choir Practice 7:00p Confirmation	30		



# Daily Bible Reading

NOV	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT	PSALMS	PROVERBS
1	Isaiah 63:1-65:25	Phil 2:19-30	73:1-28	24:13-14
2	Isaiah 66:1-24	Phil 3:1-21	74:1-23	24:15-16
3	Jer 1:1-2:37	Phil 4:1-23	75:1-10	24:17-20
4	Jer 3:1-4:18	Col 1:1-18	76:1-12	24:21-22
5	Jer 4:19-6:15	Col 1:19-2:10	77:1-20	24:23-25
6	Jer 6:16-8:7	Col 2:11-23	78:1-31	24:26
7	Jer 8:8-9:26	Col 3:1-17	78:3-55	24:27
8	Jer 10:1-11:23	Col 3:18-4:18	78:56-72	24:28-29
9	Jer 12:1-14:10	1 Thes 1:1-2:12	79:1-13	24:30-34
10	Jer 14:11-16:13	1 Thes 2:13-3:13	80:1-19	25:1-5
11	Jer 16:14-18:23	1 Thes 4:1-5:11	81:1-16	25:6-7
12	Jer 19:1-21:14	1 Thes 5:12-28	82:1-8	25:8-10
13	Jer 22:1-23:20	2 Thes 1:1-12	83:1-18	25:11-14
14	Jer 23:21-25:38	2 Thes 2:1-17	84:1-12	25:15
15	Jer 26:1-27:22	2 Thes 3:1-18	85:1-13	25:16
16	Jer 28:1-29:32	1 Tim 1:1-20	86:1-17	25:17
17	Jer 30:1-31:22	1 Tim 2:1-15	87:1-7	25:18-19
18	Jer 31:23-32:44	1 Tim 3:1-16	88:1-18	25:20-22
19	Jer 33:1-34:22	1 Tim 4:1-16	89:1-13	25:23-24
20	Jer 35:1-36:32	1 Tim 5:1-25	89:14-37	25:25-27
21	Jer 37:1-38:28	1 Tim 6:1-21	89:38-52	25:28
22	Jer 39:1-41:18	2 Tim 1:1-18	90:1-91:16	26:1-2
23	Jer 42:1-44:23	2 Tim 2:1-26	92:1-93:5	26:3-5
24		2 Tim 3:1-17	94:1-23	26:6-8
25		2 Tim 4:1-22	95:1-96:13	26:9-12
26		Titus 1:1-16	97:1-98:9	26:13-16
27		Titus 2:1-15	99:1-9	26:17
28		Titus 3:1-15	100:1-5	26:18-19
29		Phile 1-25	101:1-8	26:20
30		Heb 1:1-14	102:1-28	26:21-22

# Our Purpose at Bethany Lutheran is to reach out to others and spread God's Word.

# Our Vision at Bethany Lutheran is to

# Know Christ and to make Christ known by Welcoming! Growing! Serving!

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- 1. Jesus is Lord and Savior.
- 2. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus.
- 3. All are welcome.
- 4. Our foundation is in scripture.
- 5. As a family of faith, we serve others and one another in Christ's love.
- 6. Through prayer we go where the Holy Spirit leads to proclaim Christ.



## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Robin Sampson – President, Kaitlyn Hoversten - Vice-President, Ashley Kuker-Secretary Paul Hoversten – Treasurer, Pastor Maureen Howard Kim Aldinger, Holly Carlberg, Rachel Johnson, Pat Krieger, Brian Sauerbrei

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