

SEPTEMBER 2017

# BETHANY BEACON

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### WORSHIP TIMES STARTING SEPTEMBER 17

**Saturday 5:30 p.m.**  
Piano

**Sunday 8:30 a.m.**  
Traditional

**Sunday 11:00 a.m.**  
Contemporary

**Sunday School Adult & Children's**  
9:45 a.m.

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## Standing for Love and Standing Against Hate

Sisters and Brothers,

Because many have asked for a copy of my recent article from the Times Citizen, I decided to reprint it here.

Fear can be a good thing. If I'm walking through the woods and I don't fear the bear, I may walk right by him and become his dinner. Fear can also be a bad thing. It can leave us powerless, unable or unwilling to act when we need to. It may even lead us to lose faith in ourselves. It may lead us to not love our neighbor. It may even lead us to lose faith in God.

Last Sunday at Bethany Lutheran we had two readings in our worship service that dealt with fear. The first was 1 Kings 19:1-18. In this story, Elijah runs away afraid when he hears that Queen Jezebel is out for his head after he had defeated all the prophets of Baal. Although he had the support of many people, he runs away and thinks he is all alone. He ends up hiding in a cave. The second was Matthew 14:22-23. Here we have the story of Jesus walking on the water to reach his disciples who are in a boat. It's stormy so the boat is in trouble, and the disciples are afraid. But Jesus says, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So, Peter gets out of the boat and starts to walk on the water. When he feels the wind on his face and becomes afraid, he starts to sink. He was actually walking on the water, until his fear took over and he lost faith in himself. Fear caused Elijah to hide and Peter to not have faith that he could do what he was doing.

Sometimes evil can cause us to fear and not act. After the events of hate and violence in Charlottesville, Virginia on Saturday, we need to stand against this hate, racism, and fear of other children of God that leads to hatred and violence. Jesus says that we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind and our neighbor as ourselves. In the story of the Good Samaritan he points out that everyone is our neighbor. It doesn't matter their race, creed, or color. We are not to let fear lead us to hate others or in doing so, to not follow Christ and his call to love our neighbor.

I confess that sometimes my fear causes me not to speak out as I should, so I want to be clear. What we are talking about is not a nice, clean name like "alt right". It is not an alternative political viewpoint. It is evil. It is not "white nationalists" for they do not love our nation and what we stand for in the United States.

It is White Supremacy.

It is Racism.

It is Evil.

It is sin.

And so are it's symbols, which many young men from Iowa and United States fought and died to remove from the face of the earth: the swastika and the stars and bars. These are symbols of hate which stand against the love of Christ.

I am not saying that we are to all agree, for it's our differences that make us strong. It's our political discourse that helps guide this nation in healthy compromise and freedom for all. Our mixture of right, left, moderate, Democrat, and Republican is what makes us strong. Standing together not only politically, but with people of other races, creeds, and colors is what makes America great.

As Christians, we are to stand united in love with the other. Jesus calls on us to stand against hate, death, and sin, for those are the enemies of Christ and his love. One of my favorite authors is Frederick Buechner. He writes in his book, "Secrets in the Dark":

Wherever people love each other  
and are true to each other  
and take risks for each other,  
God is with them and for them  
and they are doing God's will.

I pray for the people of Charlottesville; those who were wounded by that act of terrorism, and for the family of the young lady who was murdered. I pray for our nation that we turn from hate and turn towards love. As we go out, let us do God's will: to love one another and stand against fear and hate. May God bless us, and may we be a blessing to others and to God. Amen

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>S</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>T.</b>	<b>Meals on Wheels Month</b>	<b>1</b> 8:15 Exercise Work Thrift Shop	<b>2</b> 7:30 Men's Breakfast Work Thrift Shop 5:30 Worship
<b>3</b> 9:00 Worship 9:45 All Age Sunday School	<b>4</b> Labor Day Office Closed	<b>5</b> 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study 11:30 IF Ministerial 6:30 Youth Gathering 7:30 Teacher Orientation	<b>6</b> 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 5:15 7&8 Youth 6:00 Confir Dinner 6:20 Youth Dinner 6:30 Mentor Time 6:45 HS youth 6:30 Book St. @ Stockdale 7:00 Ruth Circle	<b>7</b> 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Rebekeh Circle 1:00 Quilting 6:30 Scouts 6:00 Worship @ Ashbrook	<b>8</b> 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 6:00 Moestchen & Dickerson Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 7:30 Men's Breakfast 2:30 Moestchen/Dickerson Wedding 5:30 Worship
<b>10</b> God's Work Our Hands 9:00 Worship 10:00 GWOH 12:00 Lunch 5:30 Council Meeting	<b>11</b> 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	<b>12</b> 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>13</b> 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 5:15 7&8 Youth 6:00 Confirm Dinner 6:20 Youth Dinner 6:30 Mentor Time 6:45 HS youth 6:30 Book St. @ Stockdale	<b>14</b> 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 6:30 C. Scouts 6:00 Worship @ Ashbrook	<b>15</b> 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	<b>16</b> 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship
<b>17</b> 8:30 Worship Caring Callers 9:30 Sunday School Parents Meeting 9:45 Sunday Sch 11:00 Worship 5:00 Elderberries	<b>18</b> 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	<b>19</b> 7:30 Devotions 9:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>20</b> 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise 6:00 Christian Concert @ Estes Park	<b>21</b> 7:30 Devotions 1:00 Quilting 6:30 Scouts 6:00 Worship @ Ashbrook	<b>22</b> 7:30 Devotions 8:15 Exercise	<b>23</b> 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship
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## **BETHANY HAPPENINGS**

### **COTTAGE MEETINGS**

Bethany Lutheran Church Council will be holding cottage meetings. The main reason for these meetings is to meet with you about Bethany Lutheran Church. We would like to know what you see Bethany Lutheran doing in the next five years. The council member will host the meetings and Pastor Tim will be leading them. You will be receiving a call from a council member inviting you to one of these meetings. Please try to attend. We would like to get input from every member!

### **BETHANY 100 ITEMS ARE NOW FOR SALE**

IF YOU ORDERED SHIRTS, THEY ARE IN! You can pay for them and pick them up at the office. The Shirts cost \$15. We also have Christmas Ornaments for \$6, Tumblers for \$8, and Trivets for \$10. These items are here and can be purchased in the narthex. All the proceeds will be used to cover the cost of our Bethany 100 Fair on June 25th and our formal celebration on October 21-22.

### **BETHANY 100 BOOK**

**If you want a Bethany 100 Book and your family has not gotten one, please sign up by September 3 so, we can order more.**

### **ELDERBERRIES**

Elderberries is a group for anyone 50 or older. Our September 17th, potluck at 5:00 pm. Craig Wills will play for us.

### **BETHANY'S FARMERS MARKET**

Will run through Sunday September 17th – Donations of garden produce or baked goods may be left on the Farmers Market table set up in the fellowship hall. All items are for a free will offering. Funds raised will go to support the ELCA World Hunger campaign.

### **GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS**

The Social Concerns and Missions Committee has been busy planning and preparing for September 10th God's Work Our Hands. We are very excited about the opportunities to serve our community in Christ's name. This year Bethany will be serving the eastside trailer park a free lunch and passing out boxes filled with hygiene items. We are asking for donations of paper towels and Kleenex to help fill the boxes. We are also asking for donations of cookies to serve with the meal.

Bethany will be offering help with minor repairs and small tasks for those in need. If you or someone you know could benefit from this service please contact Pat Thorell at 641-648-4822 or the Church at 641-648-3555.

Jen Hill and Robin Sampson are coordinating service activities for Sunday School age kids. There will be signup sheets to help volunteer with the many activities happening September 10th. It is our hope that every member of Bethany Lutheran would participate in some way for God's Work Our Hands. Please wear your Bethany 100 or God's Work Our Hands Shirts if you have them. Your prayers over this day are much appreciated. Thank you.

## **CONCERT IN THE PARK -SEPT 20**

Contemporary Christian groups The Afters, David Dunn, and Jason Gray will be in Estes Park on Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. Bethany will be selling food for a fundraiser for youth. If you are interested in working at the merchandise table, or the Prison Fellowship International table, please contact Robin Sampson. This is a free outdoor concert.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

Church Council will be held Sunday, September 10th at 5:30 pm.

## **THRIFT SHOP**

We are helping work at the thrift shop on September 1-2. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please help if you are able.

## **JAM CLUB VOLUNTEERS**

If you would like to help next time with J.A.M. Club please call the church.

## **FALL BOOK STUDY**

We will be offering a 5 week fall book study Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 at the Stockdale's at 11114 Thurston Lane beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>. Bring your spouse, a friend, a coworker or a neighbor. We will be discussing the book **Simplify: Ten Practices to Unclutter Your Soul** by Bill Hybel.. If you have questions please email Kathy Stockdale at [kstockdale@live.com](mailto:kstockdale@live.com).

## **LWR BACKPACKS**

Thank you to all who so generously took the time to shop and fill the backpacks for the Lutheran World Relief backpack drive. Many children in this world cannot go to school if they have no school supplies.

## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Bethany has Meals on Wheels delivery for the month of September. All meals are to be picked up at the Iowa Falls Senior Center located at the Iowa Falls Fire Station. There are three routes each day. They would like you to pick up the meals NO LATER THAN 11:00 and you will be provided a list of addresses to deliver to. It takes between ½ hour to 45 minutes to deliver (it can be done during a lunch hour). Please consider signing up for this rewarding experience. Call Rita Hoversten if you have questions at 648-9080.**

**CAROLINE HILL- GO FUND ME CAMPAIGN:** has been set up for Caroline Hill. A piece of medical transferring equipment that Caroline needs for privacy in the restroom at school and at home was rejected by both their family insurance and supplement companies. It is our wish that this can be purchased asap for her privacy in school. At this time, it is also their wish to replace the 3 wheel cycle she had as a child and has long outgrown. The new one will be custom made for her needs and will become a piece of indoor workout equipment in the winter months. Our hope is to strengthen her muscles inside this winter and she can be outside with it this spring. A separate account is set up at Greenbelt Bank and Trust for anyone to directly deposit their donation. You may remain anonymous if you want, but it is the family's wish to thank you in person. Stop in and tell them you would like to donate to Let's Get Caroline

Cruising and they can direct you to the right place. Thank you for prayerfully giving to this very worthy cause.

## **CONFIRMATION & YOUTH PAGE**

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE STARTING SEPTEMBER 6**

5:15 - 6:00	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade youth group
6:00 - 6:15	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade dinner
6:15 - 7:45	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation
6:20 – 6:45	High School Dinner
6:30 - 7:30	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Mentor Time (Starts August 30)
6:30 – 8:00	High School Youth Group

### **PARENTS MEETING**

We will have our Parent and Student Orientation for the 2017-2018 confirmation year on August 30 at 6:30. This is for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents. At this meeting, we will be sharing the plans for this year's classes, the requirements needed to be confirmed, and filling out the registration form. If you cannot attend, please set up another time to meet with Pastor Tim.

Our 9<sup>th</sup> grade Parent and Student Orientation for the 2017 confirmation year on August 30 at 7:30. This is for all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents. At this meeting, we will be sharing the plans for this year's mentor time and Affirmation of Baptism service. If you cannot attend, please set up another time to meet with Pastor Tim.

### **ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING**



Every three years the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has a National Youth Gathering. At this gathering 30,000 students and their chaperons gather to serve, worship, learn, and have fun. This will be my sixth gathering and each one has been a time of fun and great joy. The Youth Gathering is taking place this coming summer on June 27-July 1, 2018 in Huston, Texas and I would love to have you join me this summer in Huston for a great time with God and our sisters and brothers in Christ.

We will have our first informational meeting on Tuesday, September 5, at 6:30 for those in 8-12 grade and their parents. Here we will tell you more about the gathering including what goes, on the cost, fundraising, and our potential plans for the event. If you are interested but cannot attend this introductory meeting, please let me know.

Pastor Tim

### **BETHANY FRIDAY NIGHT TAILGATE**

We will be tailgating at all home High School football games starting at 6:00 pm on September 1, 8, & 22. Come share food, drink and fellowship. Look for the Bethany banner!! GO CADETS!!!

### **RALLY DAY SUNDAY -AUGUST 27th**

We are so excited to kick off our 2017-2018 Sunday School year!!

Worship is at 9:00 Rally Sunday events start at 10:00.

Our Rally Sunday events are:

Breakfast served from 10-12 by confirmation students (free will offering will be taken for upcoming expenses and events)

10-12 Registration for Sunday School

10-12 Dunk Tank (weather permitting) – Who is going in the tank???? Tattoos, Coloring Pages, and Games, Kids will be decorating their own rock to be on display all year outside of the church

Bring your whole family to join in on the fun!!! We look forward to seeing you all!!

### **GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY- SEPTEMBER 10**

Preschool to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will start by making a craft to share with Heritage Care Center and then cleaning up the church grounds and playing games.

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade will start by making a craft and then delivering the crafts to Heritage Care Center and visiting with the residents. Then all will gather back at church for lunch at noon.

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am Adult Sunday School will be doing a study of Luther’s Small Catechism. (Don’t worry we will not have memory work. Join us and learn about this great little book.)

### **ALL AGE SUNDAY SCHOOL “IN THE BEGINNING”-SEPTEMBER 3 10:00**

During the fellowship hour, we will have an all generation Sunday School. Together we will learn about Genesis 1 and the love God shows us in creation. We will learn through story and craft time. Come and join the fun.

### **REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

**Start at September 17 at 9:45 am. We will have a parents meeting on September 17 at 9:30 – 9:45. Preschool – 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be singing at the 11:00 service on September 24.**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ORIENTATION**

Will be Tuesday September 5 at 7:00 we will go over this year’s curriculum and calendar.

## **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.

Sept 1-8

Robison, Ryan, Lisa , Rylee & Davis

Rollene, JoNette

Rusley, Phillip & Cheryl

Sept 9-15

Saltzman, Dennis & Claudia

Sampson, Gary, Robin, Justin Ullestad, & Joshua Ullestad

Sanders, Ben & Megan, Parker Seeheusen, Logan, Drake & Ivy

Sauerbrei, Brian, Jan, Andrew & Kristin

Sept 16-23

Schwebke, Daune

Shahan, Billie Jo, Jaiden, Jenna

Shahan, Shawn

Sharar, Lance, Darla, Angelia

Sept 23-30

Showalter, Jordan

Snyder, Jason, Emily, Jacob & Jonathan

Spree, Cole, Dana, Henry, & Holden

Staley, Bill, Dawn, Casey & Lance



# Happy Birthday

09/01	Bushore	Mike	09/15	Mulford	Presley
09/01	Hansen	Julyn	09/15	Sanders	Logan
09/01	Hickman	Regan	09/16	Hill	Makenzie
09/01	Krukow	Hayden	09/16	Hundahl	Dean
09/02	Qualley	Mary	09/16	Spree	Henry
09/03	Zeigler	Eunice	09/17	Robison	Donnette
09/04	Kuker	Ryan	09/18	Elkin	Gary
09/05	Thorell	Patricia	09/18	Porath	Sophia
09/06	Johnson	Jerold	09/21	Tibbs	Daniel
09/07	Kramer	Robert	09/24	Hansen	Laurence
09/07	Lee	Thomas	09/24	Jones	Donald
09/08	Allen	Nolan	09/25	Maybee	Allison
09/08	Calhoun	Grace	09/25	Robison	Cody
	Cerna-		09/27	Butt	Sandra
09/08	Koehrsen	Zyrianna	09/27	Sauerbrei	Andrew
09/08	Inks	Crystal	09/27	Wiese	Alex
09/09	Doering	Jazlyn	09/28	Hundahl	Corinne
09/11	Jones	Grace	09/30	Klemesrud	Linda
09/12	Gehrke	Quinn	09/30	Tiernan	Henry
09/14	Shahan	Jaiden			
09/15	Lewey	Simon			

# Happy Anniversary

09/02	Steding, Dennis & Roxie
09/03	Saltzman, Dennis & Claudia
09/03	Heitland, Jason & Rebecca
09/04	Kuhfus, Ronald & Debra
09/05	Jensen, John & Shannon
09/06	Rusley, Philip & Cheryl
09/08	Hansen, Julyn & Fred
09/09	Hill, Rolen & Clara
09/14	Nelsen, Matt & Lori
09/20	Ford, Rick & Mindy
09/21	Cavner, Stan & Gail
09/21	Krukow, Joshua & Molly
09/26	Kobe III, Jack & Sara Kobe



# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

## MISSION STATEMENT

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:

**P**ray Daily

**O**

**W**orship Weekly

**E**

**R**ead the Bible daily

**S**erve at and beyond Bethany Lutheran Church

**U**nite with and be in

**R**elationship with others

**G**ive of our time, talents, and resources

**E**

### **2016-2017 BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL:**

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