

BETHANY LUTHERAN

Connections

June 2022

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

How many opportunities do we pass up to make a difference, a real difference in our world and our lives? Do I really want to get involved? Will I fail and be judged? Do I have the energy? Am I ready to take the first step?

We have lots of reasons and lots of fears, some we acknowledge and some we are not conscious of. When asked, we just are reluctant.

We are at a critical point in the history of Bethany. Many, including myself in the past, have said “I’ve done my share.”

I challenge you to take a quiet minute and imagine your life without Bethany. What would Sunday morning be like? When you have a crisis, who would you turn to? How many friends would you no longer see? Would you feel a deep spiritual void?

What can you do? Easy! Come to Sunday worship. Volunteer with the Bethany Beacons to visit or call homebound members. Help with a community drive-thru meal. Tell a committee member you would be glad to help them with a project (nothing is better than a partner on a project). - Dick

HOW DO YOU COMMUNICATE?

How do you hear about things? Is it a text, an email, a phone call, a newspaper, talking to a friend, a letter, a newsletter, the TV, the internet?

I often hear about and see the results of poor communication with the People of Bethany. I want to fix this, but need your input. Communicate your thoughts on this to me! - Dick

SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR COLLECTION

Each congregation in the synod is collecting NEW socks and underwear that will be taken to the Synod Assembly Saturday, June 11th. The socks and underwear will be distributed to local food pantries and clothing closets. Please have any donated new socks and underwear in the basket in the narthex by Monday, June 6th.



“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.” - Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message Bible)

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

To show our continued support and encouragement to the members of our congregation beyond their high school years, the Bethany Endowment Committee is pleased to congratulate this year's scholarship recipients. Each will receive a \$1,000 award after the completion of their first semester of post high school education. The Endowment Fund uses the investment returns from memorial gifts to fund scholarships and other causes.

The first recipient of a scholarship is Calista Coller. She is a graduate of Necedah Area School District and plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Calista has been active in a variety of activities in her school, community, and Church. Her area of study is nursing.

Ally Fenner was also selected to receive a scholarship this year. She is a graduate of Mauston High School and will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall. Ally has also been very involved in a variety of activities including a number of music-related accomplishments. Her area of study will be accounting. Good luck to all our graduates! Submitted by Maynard Miller

EMIL SKORIK MEMORIAL TREE

The City of Mauston planted a tree on Arbor Day in memory of Emil Skorik. Emil and Sheryl were members of Bethany and Emil served on the Mauston Tree Board for several years from the time it was created. The Tribute Tree Program allows citizens to purchase trees as a gift to pay tribute to individuals or groups or for special occasions. Donors can select the type of tree and the city crews will plant it and care for it for the duration of its life. This year's planting largely took place at the City Dog Park and Cemetery. Some of the other locations where trees are planted include Lion's Park, Riverside Park, and the walking trails along the water. Along with the tree, a memorial stone is placed at the base of it and a plaque is added to the tree in city hall.

When Sheryl learned about the planting of the tree in Emil's memory, her response was "That is wonderful news. Thank you so much. Emil would have been so touched to know that." Submitted by Maynard Miller



May Council Highlights

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Finance & Property Committee:

The F & P Committee met on May 10, 2022. All members were present as well as Elley Dahlke. The Committee approved mission support of \$500 to the LaCrosse Synod/ELCA, \$65 to Lutheran Social Services and \$60 to the Mauston Food Pantry. \$35 in gifts were received for Ukrainian relief and that money was sent to an address provided by the Synod.

Gary wanted to thank Al Delap for recommending and installing the new hard drive in his computer. The investment was well with it.

The committee approved a bid submitted by A Plus Lawn and Landscaping Services LLC for mowing the Plymouth Cemetery and the Church property. They will begin mowing Thursday, May 19th.

Executive Committee:

Jerry Staehling at the Council's invitation to discuss Communion. We want to get back to prior Communion practices, but due to Covid we won't be able to completely return to Communion at the rail with wine and bread being handed out. Worship Committee plans on changes in September that will bring us closer to those practices.

A letter was received that said one of our Assembly delegates could not attend the Assembly. We will try to get a replacement.

Al Delap resolved problems with the Treasurer's computer by replacing the hard drive.

Pastor Dan Dibbert would not take any pay for the May 8th worship.

The council will start discussing the Crucial Communications book in June to improve communications and conflict resolution.

We no longer have the volunteers to provide funeral meals as we did in the past. Families can provide their own food or have it catered. Ruth Marose will assist the families.

Hospitality Committee: Coffee fellowship following church service has begun. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk for volunteer servers and donators. High school graduates, scholarship winners, and new members will be honored on May 29th at the coffee fellowship.

Faith Development: the Bethany Beacons are back to visiting shut-ins.

Stewardship Committee: they contacted 59 non-attending members by personal contact, notes, or phone calls.



Happy June birthday to....

Karli Denman	06/02
Ahren Heinrich	06/02
Lori O'Dell	06/04
Phyllis Goetz	06/04
Nancy McCullick	06/05
Christopher Flint	06/05
Avianna Bohnert	06/06
Jerry Staehling	06/06
Cheryl Fenner	06/07
Kendra Daniels	06/08
Preston Young	06/09
Landry Flint	06/10
Mitchell Reigard	06/14
Richard Radcliff	06/15
Laurie Jensen	06/15
Ivon Heinrich	06/15
Kyle Pokorney	06/15
Greg Smith	06/17
Chad Seebecker	06/18
Wayne McCullick	06/19
Crystal Cafferty	06/20
Dylan Bollig	06/20
Danielle Barnhart	06/22
Jake Arens	06/23
Nelson Brandt	06/24
Paul Zaidel	06/26
Mike Klein	06/27
Randy Fabian	06/28
Dick Pirwitz	06/28
David Broske	06/28
Teresa Cypert	06/28



Happy June anniversary to...

Troy & Lisa Hansen	06/01
Maynard & Renee Miller	06/05
Joshua & Erica Horton	06/05
Brian & Wendy McGuire	06/07
Wayne & Linda Morris	06/09
Kraig & Tammy Zoller	06/10
Mark & Amy Behling	06/11
Don & Katrina Bollig	06/17
Mark & Ellen Dahlke	06/20
Derek & Cheryl Fenner	06/21
James & Meryle Henry	06/22
Jim & Cora Dillin	06/22
Doug & Bobbie Lindner	06/22
Ken & Jane Lalk	06/27
Harold & Janice Seebecker	06/27
Bill & Doreen Coller	06/28
Larry & Bonnie Bonner	06/29
James & Judy Droster	06/29

Please know that the office does not have every member's information. Please contact the office with corrections and updates.

Thank you for your understanding, patience, and help in keeping our records up to date!

608-847-6690

In Our Prayers

~~ ~~ RJ Rogers, the family of Erna Clickner, the family of Barbara Hoile, the family of George Gould, Ron Engevold, Gretchen MacDonald, Gary Barr, Jr, Dennis Stark, Emery Hobleman, Dave Lenorud, Diane Peterson, Jimmy Hoilien, Ken Plants, the Dillin family, Bethany Lay Leadership, all high school, technical school and college graduates and new Bethany members, the people of Ukraine and those who are helping them.

Please call the church office, 608-847-6690, if you know of someone who needs to be added to our prayer list or with any Pastoral Care needs/requests. This list is different than our prayer chain.

Bethany's Prayer Chain Coordinator is Audrey Gierhart (608-847-4106).

If you have an urgent prayer request, call her to share the request.



Worship Reminders

June 5

In-Person Worship at Bethany and Worship streamed on Facebook at 9:30 AM. Recording available later.

Lector: Barbara Handrich

Usher Captain: Roger Dutzle

June 12

In-Person Worship at Bethany and Worship streamed on Facebook at 9:30 AM. Recording available later.

Lector: Rosemary Dellamuth

Usher Captain: David Kidd

June 19

In-Person Worship at Bethany and Worship streamed on Facebook at 9:30 AM. Recording available later.

Lector: Sharon Pufahl

Usher Captain: Bill Potter

June 26

In-Person Worship at Bethany and Worship streamed on Facebook at 9:30 AM. Recording available later.

Lector: Ed Rogers

Usher Captains: Jeri Shultis & Harold Seebecker



Giving	Cash/Check	Online	Total
April 3, 2022	\$3,965.50	\$ 439.68	\$4,405.18
April 10, 2022	\$2,110.35	\$ 469.63	\$2,579.98
April 17, 2022	\$4,959.00	\$ 312.53	\$5,271.53
April 24, 2022	\$ 2,069.00	\$ 164.63	\$2,233.63

Gen Fund	April 2022 Actual	April 2022 Budget	April YTD Actual	April YTD Budget
Receipts	\$12,893.75	\$12,500.00	\$51,481.36	\$50,000.00
Disbursements	\$6,394.31	\$16,529.00	\$32,411.88	\$66,132.00

Church Office Hours

We at Bethany Lutheran Church, Mauston, seek to build unity by instilling hope through:

ENGAGING
all generations in the practices and teaching of Jesus,

WELCOMING
each other,

REACHING OUT
to our greater community.

The church office is open **Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Messages left on the church voicemail are only checked during office hours. For urgent messages and emergencies, contact Dick Pirwitz, council president, at 608-548-5982. If not immediately available, he will answer as soon as possible.

Has your contact information changed? Be sure to let us know!
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