



# HERALD

July 1, 2018

Fifth Sunday after the Holy Trinity

On behalf of the family of Bethany Lutheran Church & School, we welcome our members and our guests in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. If you are a visitor, we ask you to fill out the guest registration card in the pew. We also invite you to stop by our welcome center in the Narthex for a gift and more information about our church.

## Fantastic Summer Experience By Pastor Schumacher

For many people summer is a time for some fantastic experiences. It might be a vacation to a new and spectacular place. It might be a time for seeing family and growing closer to loved ones, living in distant places. It might be a special outdoor concert or festival such as Ribfest. It seems like summer is a time for some fantastic experiences. I would like to point out another fantastic experience that is really more than an experience and is available more than in the summer time: Praying the Lord's Prayer.

A Cubs fan might like the experience of having dinner with Jon Lester the day after he wins a big game; a Sox fan might like the experience of Jose Abreu giving a point by point lesson as he takes batting practice before a game; a music fan might love a backstage meeting with their favorite performer—these all might be great experiences, even experiences that most will not experience at all in their lifetime. But we have a greater invitation, a greater opportunity—Our Heavenly Father invites us to pray to Him and to address Him as Father. The Catechism captures this blessing well:

### **The Introduction**

Our Father who art in heaven.

*What does this mean?* With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

We have the privilege and the honor of being able to not only call God "Father", but also that we can speak to Him as dear children speak to their dear father. This privilege is all the more special when you realize that access to God as Father is only because of our adoption through baptism into Christ. We don't deserve to even be in God's presence because of our sins; instead we are adopted into His family through Christ and His atoning work of the cross. And now we have the privilege of being His child and under His care both now and eternally.

And praying the Lord's Prayer is much better than even the greatest earthly experiences. Our experiences become memories, and memories can fade over time. But we have the opportunity, indeed we have the command and honor to pray the Lord's Prayer often. And God the Father will always listen. And He will answer. He knows better than we do what we need and what is best. He is attentive to us.

Finally, when we pray the Lord's Prayer we know that we have the unique privilege of being in the presence of our Gracious Father. That privilege will only get better as we know that one day, we will be with Him and the Son and the Spirit forever. While the experiences of summer will fade, that glory will never fade.

I would urge you to enjoy your fantastic summer experiences. But remember that every day you have the opportunity for something even more special, you have the opportunity to pray the Lord's Prayer.



## This Week's Calendar

### Sunday, July 1

**Fifth Sunday after the Holy Trinity**

8:30 am—Worship w/communion  
 10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School  
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion  
 12:15 pm—Sr High Youth

### Monday, July 2

### Tuesday, July 3

### Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day—School/Church Offices Closed

### Thursday, July 5

### Friday, July 6

### Saturday, July 7

7:30 am—Saturday AM Men's Basketball  
 7:30 am—Saturday AM Men's Bible Study  
 5:00 pm—Worship w/communion

### Sunday, July 8

**Sixth Sunday after the Holy Trinity**

8:30 am—Worship w/communion  
 10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School  
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion  
 No Youth

**Pick Up an ABC  
 Devotional in the  
 Tract Carousel Next to the  
 Welcome Center.**

**Mark Your Calendar!  
 Crafter's Paradise,  
 Saturday, November 10  
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

## Prayers

### *In Our Prayers.....*

**All of Our Members, especially: Jennifer Barnickel**, cancer treatments; **Donna Holecsek**, recovery from surgery; **Sheri Luhrs**, for strength to help her mother; **Jim Simpson**, rehab; **Christine Skibinski**, treatment for leukemia. *(please renew after four weeks).*

**All of our Family Members & Friends, especially: Sara Dumford**, (daughter of Dave/Sue Dumford) recovery from surgery; **Paul Enderle**, (friend of Bob/Pam Splitt) rehab/cancer; **Valerie Kincaid**, (friend of Sally Wilson) recovery/strength after stem cell transplant; **Mr. LaMan**, (friend of Maria Simpson) healing; **Tina**, (friend of Maria Simpson) healing; **Tomi**, (friend of Maria Simpson) healing; **Charlotte Tuggle**, (mother of Shari Luhrs) injured in home invasion. *(please renew after two weeks).*

Prayers that the Lord be with **Matthew Hinze** and **Michael Hinze**, **Adam Horton**, **Peter Johnson**, **Shalyn Martinek** as they continue to serve in the Military.

For **Michael and Suzanne Teske** on their 22nd anniversary.

### **Bethany's Prayer Chain**

We have a prayer chain! Please contact Ina Johnson (630-369-6074) or email at [muttiina@gmail.com](mailto:muttiina@gmail.com) with your prayer requests and if you would like to be part of the prayer chain.

### Stewardship

#### Weekly Contributions - Week of 6/24/2018

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$10,061	\$18,125	(\$8,064)

#### Year to Date Contributions 07/1/17 - 6/27/2018

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$1,040,935	\$1,009,400	\$31,535

### Attendance

#### June 2018

#### June 2017

	June 2018	June 2017
Avg Weekly Attendance - June	341	350
YTD Attendance July - June	21,787	21,972

## News

### “Church Family Sunday” Set for August 19!

Plan to attend all of our special events on Sunday, August 19 as we celebrate our blessings as the Bethany Church Family. **We will only have one service that day, at 10 a.m. but will have our regular service on Saturday, August 18 at 5 p.m.** At the 10 a.m. service we will dedicate our Day School and Sunday School teachers as they begin a new year. Afterwards we will exit the building and enjoy a wonderful Pot-luck lunch and fun activities for the kids. During this time we will also have Sunday School registration and showcase the many volunteer opportunities we have here at Bethany. Look for sign up tables for Ushers, Altar Guild, Communion Care and more. We will supply the hamburgers and hot dogs and eating utensils. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

### Cancelled Postage Stamps/Eyeglasses Collected by LWML

Since 1997 Lutheran Women in Mission across the Northern Illinois District have been clipping, sorting and sending in cancelled postage stamps.

You can, too. Just send your trimmed cancelled postage stamps to us or bring them to any LWML, NID event. (There is such an event here at Bethany on July 21!) Then, they are sent to auction in batches for sale by weight to collectors and club auctions. 90% of the money raised goes toward our mission grants.

- Stamps should be cut off envelopes leaving a 1/4 inch edge around the stamps.
- Flag and Bell stamps should not be saved.
- Postcards are welcome. Please save the whole card. Do not just send the stamp. Cutting the stamp off postcards makes them lose their value.
- Stamps in albums, foreign and commemorative stamps are especially welcome.
- Bring stamps to district events.

Eyeglasses and sunglasses are also needed for children and adults in Central America. They are delivered personally by mission teams along with the Gospel through interpreters. Please leave glasses and stamps at the Welcome Center.

### Hotel Bars of Soap for Hygiene Kits

As you travel, please bring back any extra hotel-sized bars of soap for our Dignity for Girls hygiene kits (the flat ones are preferable). Please leave them at the Welcome Center, on the shelf behind the Mite box. Thank you!

### Oktoberfest planning has begun!

#### Save the date:

**Friday, September 21** — Trivia Night & Food.

**Saturday, September 22** — Oktoberfest.

Watch for details

### We Welcome King’s Brass This Sunday

The internationally-acclaimed sacred brass ensemble, The King’s Brass, is playing in the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services this Sunday. This is a group that Cantor Giuliani has previously toured with, and they have graciously offered to join us as they pass through the Midwest on their Summer tour. Learn more about The King’s Brass at [www.kingsbrass.org](http://www.kingsbrass.org).

### Thank You VBS Crew!

Thanks so much to our amazing Planning Team, Volunteer Teachers and Assistants, and Pastor Schumacher for putting together an incredible VBS. Our Splash Canyon VBS taught about 200 kids how God keeps His promises through Jesus. Through songs, crafts, games, snacks, and lessons, our 50 volunteers shared God’s love. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of everyone involved with VBS. We’ve tentatively scheduled next year’s VBS for June 17-21.

### Sunrise Devotions

Once a month, our pastors are serving at Sunrise Assisted Living on Chicago Ave. in Naperville giving a devotion and brief order of service. The attendees often need help turning pages in their booklet, and it’s always nice to have helpers singing along. **We will meet again on July 25 (the fourth Wednesday for July only) at 10:30 a.m.** If anyone would like to come help, they can just show up (sign in at the front desk, then go to the second floor’s chapel room). If you have questions, just speak to one of the pastors.

### An Easy Way to Pitch In Bake or Serve on July 21

Our Bethany Lutheran Women’s Missionary League has agreed to host the LWML Northern Illinois District Directors Meeting on Saturday, July 21, 2018. They expect to host and serve a light breakfast and lunch to about 70 women and could use a hand in a few areas. Serving in the morning and noontime would be great but if you are not available, your donation of baked goods for breakfast or lunch would be most appreciated. Let’s show our LWML ladies that we appreciate their efforts! Sign up on the tower to help.

### Youth News

**July 1**—Sr High Youth Bible Study w/lunch 12:15-2 p.m.

**July 10-13**—Sr High Youth to Higher Things

Weekly updates and reminders are sent via email. If you are not receiving these emails, please update Jean Martinek with your current email address. Contact Pastor Clemmer or Jean Martinek with questions.

## Bethany Staff

### Program Staff

Vacant.....Pastor (Team Leader, Administration)  
 Rev. Stephen Schumacher.....Pastor (Mercy)  
 Rev. Seth Clemmer .....Pastor (Witness, Youth)  
 Neal Kaspar.....School Principal  
 Michael Giuliani.....Cantor  
 Linda Fox.....Admissions Director  
 Erin Dunwell.....Assistant Principal/Fifth Grade Teacher  
 Donna Linnemeyer.....Program Administrator

### Faculty

Jennifer Gutzwiller.....Preschool Teacher  
 Angela Hess.....Preschool Teacher  
 Jamie Rogoz.....Preschool Teacher  
 Diana Guebert.....Preschool Teacher  
 Beth Schultz.....Preschool Teacher  
 Nadine Parmenter.....Preschool Teacher  
 Justine Kaczmarek, Heather Schmidt.....Instructional Aides  
 Kristin Gemkow.....Kindergarten  
 Cyndi Niccolai.....First Grade  
 Kari Janetzke.....Second Grade  
 Carole Staunch.....Art/Kindergarten Aide  
 Chad Baganz.....Third Grade  
 Michelle Stehle.....Fourth Grade  
 Nancy Yendrejczyk.....Library  
 Debby Buckman.....K-5th Phys. Ed.  
 Josh Schultz.....Sixth Grade  
 Rob Johnson.....Seventh Grade  
 David Bremer.....Eighth Grade  
 Glenn Sonlitner.....Eighth Grade English/Sixth Grade Math  
 Jill Diriltzen.....Teacher/Speech  
 Holly Fletcher.....Special Education  
 Kevin Zorena.....Assistant Cantor  
 Chad Baganz/David Bremer.....Athletic Directors

### Administrative/Support Staff

Pam Kolzow.....Finance Administrator  
 Patty Compton.....School Administrator  
 Melanie Colt.....School Secretary  
 Agnes Giuliani.....Confirmation/Sunday School Coordinator  
 Vacant.....Worship Secretary  
 Jean Martinek.....Youth/Evangelism/Membership Secretary/Printer  
 Jake Mathley.....Facilities Manager  
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## Board of Elders

	Tim Benecke, Chairman	
Tye Fox	Marty Franken	Chris Johnson
Quinn Krenek	Matt Krock	Don Lohrentz
Dominic Salvino		Jay Schafer

## Bible Studies at Bethany

### Our Feature Bible Study in the MPR

Our feature Bible Class, titled “Summer Scripture Shape Up” continues this Sunday. We will do an overview of a section of Scripture each week and lead a study of one chapter of particular importance. This class meets in the MPR at 10 a.m.

### Sunday School

All classes meet each week at 10 a.m. in our school wing and grade levels are marked on the doorways. **Summer Sunday School continues this Sunday. Please note 5th through 7th grade students are not required to do sermon reports during the summer.**

### Adult Instruction Class

If you’re interested in joining Bethany or learning more about the Lutheran faith contact Pastor Schumacher at [sschumacher@bethanylcs.org](mailto:sschumacher@bethanylcs.org) or Pastor Clemmer at [sclemmer@bethanylcs.org](mailto:sclemmer@bethanylcs.org) or call 630-355-2198.

### Women’s Summer LifeLight

The Women’s Wednesday Morning LifeLight Bible Study Group is taking a summer break from in-depth study (and homework). **Please join us on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.** We will be reading through the Book of Hebrews together and enjoying discussion. Simply bring your Bible. Please contact Sheri Walsh with questions at [ssmdw@wideopenwest.com](mailto:ssmdw@wideopenwest.com) or call or text 630-816-4647. **No class on July 4.**

### Evening Lifelight

The Thursday Evening Lifelight Bible Study meets with Pastor at church one week and in a home the next. We are studying the book of Genesis. For more information, please call the church office.

### Saturday AM Men’s Bible Breakfast

All men of Bethany are invited to the Men’s Bible Breakfast which meets on the first and third Saturday of each month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. We are studying Luther’s Large Catechism.

### Bethany Lutheran Church & School

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### Service Times

Saturday 5 p.m.  
 Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
 (Communion at all services)

Sunday worship is followed by Coffee Fellowship time. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Study begin at 10 a.m.

**Nursery** The nursery is available as a cry room during worship services and during Bible Study hour. Our nursery is no longer staffed.

**The deadline for the July 8 Herald is Tuesday, July 3.**