



Herald

January 15, 2017
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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.

The Lord's Gift of Life by Pastor Clemmer

This Sunday, we join together with the greater Church in recognizing National Right to Life Sunday. We do this to bring encouragement to all who defend the life of the unborn, while also hoping to bring a word of comfort to those who bear the guilt of past sins. The Lord gives the gift of children according to His will, protecting the child in the womb of the mother. All children, unborn and born alike, belong to the Lord, so to end a child's life in the womb is to bring violence to the very one who needs protection the most.

As Christians in today's society, the Lord has given us a unique voice of comfort to bring to our neighbor. We pray for those who feel trapped in a challenging pregnancy and would seek to bring death to the child, that they would be given to see the child as a gift. We also pray for those who suffer shame for

being involved in past abortions, that they would know that Jesus has taken their sin and shame, dying for them on the cross. In addition, we pray for comfort and peace for those who desire the gift of children but have not been given it by the Lord.

Our Lord Jesus teaches, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10). This Life given by Jesus shatters the guilt of all our sins, silences the accusations of the Devil, and will bring us to life on the last day—along with all those who have died belonging to Jesus.

So today we rejoice in our Lord's gift of life—life eternal through His death on the cross, and the life He gives and sustains for all ages—born and unborn, young and old.

We've Made Some Changes to the Herald!

For several months we have been working on a larger format for the Herald and that would allow us to provide our members and visitors with more information. Our goal was to expand the size of the newsletter while still keeping the content fresh and relevant each week. It also gives us an opportunity to provide theological newsletter articles for the congregation. Be sure to read the Herald in its entirety each week, and consider taking it home for reference and for your prayers. Please feel free to provide us with feedback in the weeks ahead!

CareNet/Sanctity of Life Sunday

In celebration of Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, we will be distributing baby bottles at the end of each service this weekend. We will be celebrating life and supporting CareNet, an agency that helps mothers with unplanned pregnancies. Please take a bottle this week and fill it over the next several weeks with coins, bills or checks and return it to the pack 'n play in the narthex by February 12. CareNet and the mothers and babies thank you.

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Sunday, January 15

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany/
Sanctity of Life Sunday**

8:30 am—Worship w/communion

10:00 am—Sunday Classes

11:00 am—Worship w/communion

12:30 pm—March for Life

7:00 pm—Sr. High Youth

Monday, January 16

No School—Martin Luther King Jr. Day—

School Office Closed

9:30 am—LWML

Tuesday, January 17

Wednesday, January 18

8:50 am—BLS chapel

9:00 am—Women’s Lifelight

7:00 pm—C & BL Review Committee

Thursday, January 19

6:00 pm—Praises Ring

7:00 pm—Evening Lifelight

7:20 pm—Proclaim

9:00 pm—Compline

Friday, January 20

6:00 pm—BLS Movie Night

Saturday, January 21

7:30 am—Saturday AM Men’s Basketball

7:30 am—Saturday AM Men’s Bible Study

9:00 am—Board of Trustees

5:00 pm—Worship

Sunday, January 22

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany/
Lutheran Schools Week**

8:30 am—Divine Worship

10:00 am—Sunday Classes

11:00 am—Worship w/communion

5:00 pm—Days for Girls Sewing Event

7:00 pm—Sr. High Youth

Upcoming Events

1/17 Theology on Tap at 6:30 p.m.

1/22 Lutheran Schools Week begins

2/12 CareNet Baby Bottles Due Back

2/26 Modaff Anniversary Celebration

3/1 Ash Wednesday

3/14 Voters Assembly at 7 p.m.

Prayers

In Our Prayers.....

All of Our Members, especially: Diane Benecke, recovery from surgery; Lynn Fugii, recovery after stem cell transplant; Penelope Mellencamp, recovery from hand surgery; Claudia Scarpine, cancer.

All of our Family Members & Friends, especially:

Michelle Lawler, (daughter of JoAnn Sislow) ovarian cancer; Kris Polley, (friend of the Gutzwiller family) brain cancer; Jeff Rodgers, (brother of Cyndi Niccolai) healing after surgery; Marianna Saucedo, (former student of Shelly Quinn) continued stability following treatment for brain tumor; Jon Schumacher, (brother of Pastor Schumacher) recovery from surgery; Mike Stache, (former BLC member) cancer.

Prayers that the Lord be with Peter Johnson as he continues to serve in the Air Force.

Bethany’s Prayer Chain

We have a prayer chain! Please call Ina Johnson (630-369-6074) or email at muttiina@gmail.com with your prayer requests.

Chancel Flowers

Chancel flowers for this weekend were placed by Traci Downs and family in memory of Traci’s mother, Barbara Martin.

Stewardship

Weekly Contributions - Week of 1/8/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/ Deficit
\$14,237	\$15,340	(\$1,103)

Year to Date Contributions 07/1/16 - 1/11/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/ Deficit
\$560,775	\$608,180	(\$47,405)

Attendance

	Jan 2017	Jan 2016
Avg Weekly Attendance - Jan	358	511
YTD Attendance July - Jan	11,541	13,108

News

Principal Mueller Announces June Retirement

Dear Members of Bethany Lutheran Church

The conclusion of this school term marks the end of my 43rd year as a Commissioned Minister, serving in the day school ministry of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The Feast of the Epiphany and its subsequent Sundays focus on the theme of “light”, “revelation”, and “ministry.” It is therefore appropriate that I announce my intention to retire from public ministry at the end of this school year (June 2017).

Bethany Lutheran Church and School is a parish which demonstrates a commitment to Gospel proclamation. Through Word and Sacrament, Bethany is a “light” in the community. Its clergy, faculty, staff, and lay leadership have provided Christ-centered ministry to hundreds of souls on a daily basis. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Bethany will continue to proclaim “Christ crucified” for generations to come.

It has been a tremendous blessing and privilege to serve Bethany Lutheran Church and School for 21 years in the role of teacher and principal. I treasure the relationships I have developed over the years with faculty, staff, parents, and congregational members.

It is with sincere gratitude to Bethany Lutheran Church and School that I relinquish my active role in Ministry and join the ranks of LCMS emeriti workers.

Very sincerely in Christ,
Pamela J. Mueller, Principal

We’re Celebrating Our Move to Modaff on February 26

This February is the 20th anniversary of our move into our great school and church building here at 1550 Modaff Rd. We want to have a fun and joyous celebration on February 26 after the 11 a.m. Divine Service. Mark your calendars as we celebrate this anniversary. Pastor Schumacher is heading up the celebration. Contact him if you would like to help prepare for the celebration.

College Parent Care Group to Meet January 25

All college parents are welcome to join us on January 25 at 7:30 p.m. to put together packages for our college students. These packages will not take long to assemble, so we will head to Your Neighbors after we are finished.

If you would like to donate items for our packages, please take a snowflake off the donation board, and leave the item in the box by the church office by January 22. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Grimes at Micgrimes@aol.com or 630-983-7822.

Calling All Vendors!

The Bethany Ladies Guild is inviting all vendors who sell items such as Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, PartyLite, etc. to a fundraising planning meeting on Wednesday, January 25. We are planning a BIG party here at church, with all the hostess gifts going to the Bethany Lutheran School Auction. If you are able to participate or would like more information, please plan to attend a short meeting in the youth room on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at 7 p.m. If you are unable to attend, but would like more information, please call Julie Franken at 815-254-1438.

Days for Girls Sewing Workshop

Our first “Days for Girls” Sewing Workshop of the new year is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the multi-purpose room. All ladies, especially moms and daughters, are very welcome! Please bring sewing machines, scissors, cutting boards and wheels if you have them. A light dinner will also be provided. Please RSVP to the church office if you have not attended in the past.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will meet on Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Hopvine Brewing Co. We will begin our discussion of the *Smalcald Articles*, pages 1-25 (available upon registration). Register on our church’s website under “Get Involved” then “Bible Studies,” then scroll to Theology on Tap. Or go to:

<http://bethanylcs.churchcenteronline.com/registration/>

Youth News

Sunday January 15—Sr. High—March for Life in Chicago. We meet at Bethany at 12:30 p.m. March for Life begins at 2 p.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Bring \$ for ice skating and dinner after the March.

Sunday, January 22—Sr. High Youth Bible Study in the Youth Room from 7 to 8 p.m. Please join us and remember you can always bring a friend!

Sunday, January 29—No Youth—5th Sunday of the month.

Bethany Staff

Program Staff

Vacant.....Pastor (Team Leader, Administration)
 Rev. Stephen Schumacher.....Pastor (Mercy)
 Rev. Seth Clemmer.....Pastor (Witness, Youth)
 Pam Mueller.....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
 Jessica Gade.....Preschool Teacher
 Angela Hess.....Preschool Teacher
 Jamie Rogoz.....Preschool Teacher
 Diana Guebert.....Preschool Teacher
 Beth Schultz.....Preschool Teacher
 Nadine Parmenter, Justine Kaczmarek,
 BreAnne Greer, Elisabeth Enos.....Instructional Aides
 Kristin Gemkow.....Kindergarten
 Cyndi Niccolai.....First Grade
 Kari Janetzke.....Second Grade
 Carole Staunch.....Art/Third Gr. 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 Sonlitzer.....Eighth Grade English/Seventh Grade Math
 Jill Diriltin.....Teacher/Speech
 Holly Spooner.....Special Education
 Megan LeResche.....Interim Assistant Music Director
 Chad Baganz/David Bremer.....Athletic Directors

Administrative/Support Staff

Pam Kolzow.....Finance Administrator
 Patty Pedigo.....School Administrator/Preschool Teacher
 Bob Airhart.....Facilities Manager
 Agnes Giuliani.....Confirmation/Sunday School Coordinator
 Melanie Colt.....School Secretary
 Lynn Hart.....Worship Secretary
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Voters Board

Paul Calhoon.....Chairman
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 Tim Gavin.....Treasurer
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 Tim Benecke.....Head of Board of Elders
 Mike Walsh.....Head of Board of Trustees
 Pat Bowman.....Recording Secretary
 Pastor Clemmer.....Pastor
 Pastor Schumacher.....Pastor
 Pam Mueller.....Principal

Board of Elders

Tim Benecke, Head Elder

Dwight Bowman	Mike Kronemann	Jay Schafer
Tye Fox	Don Lohrentz	Pastor Clemmer
Robert Knox	Dominic Salvino	Pastor Schumacher

Bible Studies at Bethany

Our Feature Bible Study in the Gym “Hebrews: Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday and Today and Forever”

Join us in the gym each Sunday at 10 a.m. for a Bible class on the Book of Hebrews. This book draws upon the Old Testament to point to Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. This class is taught by Pastor Schumacher.

Ladies Lifeline

The Lifelight Ladies are studying the Foundations topical study of Law and Gospel. We meet from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday mornings. Books are available in the church office. All women are welcome. Contact Karen Perry (630-904-1043) or ksperry62@gmail.com with any questions.

Evening Lifelight

The Thursday Evening Lifelight Bible Study meets with Pastor one week and in a home the next. We are studying Revelations. 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. Our theme continues with 1 Corinthians.

Sunday School

All classes meet each week at 10 a.m. in our school wing and grade levels are marked on the doorways. No pre-registration is necessary.

**The deadline for the January 22 Herald
 is Tuesday, January 17.**

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 staffed during worship and Bible Study hour on Sundays. You are welcome to use it as a cry room at the 5 p.m. service.