



# HERALD

**March 10, 2019  
First Sunday in Lent**

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.

## **Let's Be Who We Are** By President Matthew C. Harrison (edited for length)

The first step in being better than you are is to be who you are. The LCMS is a large and complex organization, but congregations are the fundamental and divinely mandated building block of the Synod. The Church is Christians gathered about the rightly preached Word of God and properly administered sacraments. That's why we have pastors. Christians bear witness to Christ wherever they live and work. Not much beyond that is mandated by the Bible. There are manifold viewpoints on many different issues and challenges the Church faces, and the Bible grants great freedom for congregations to respond to the needs and mission opportunities that confront them in their various contexts. Together, however, we do have a strong and clear confession of the faith.

The first step in being better than you are is to be who you are. The LCMS has plenty of warts and imperfections. That's always true of the Church on this earth (see *Galatians and 1 & 2 Corinthians*). But she's the best thing going. We cannot and must not lose our fundamental, biblical, confessional and (above all) Gospel bearings.

Let's be who we are. "The Son of man came to seek and save the lost" (*Luke 19:10*). "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (*Matt. 28:19*). "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (*1 Peter 2:9*).

Let's be who we are. "All scripture is God-breathed" (*2 Tim. 3:16*).

Let's be who we are. "By grace you are saved, through faith, and this not of yourselves. It is a gift of God" (*Eph. 2:8*).

Let's be who we are. "Baptism now saves you!" (*1 Peter 3:21*).

Let's be who we are. "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them" (*John 20:22*).

Let's be who we are. "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" (*Matt. 26:27*).

Let's be who we are, "rightly dividing the word of truth" (*2 Tim. 2:15*). We are the Lutheran Church, the church of Law and Gospel. We are the LCMS, whose first president wrote the greatest book ever on Law and Gospel!

Let's be who we are. As the 2016 convention (at 84 percent) and many others asserted, there is plenty of room for flexibility in worship, but we don't ditch Confession and Absolution. We don't ditch the readings. We don't ditch the creed. We don't ditch faithful Law and Gospel preaching. We don't mess with the Lord's Words of Institution. Doing so amounts to ditching the Gospel!

Let's be who we are. As Hermann Sasse pointed out, the LCMS is unique in both highly treasuring the office of pastor ("Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you," *Heb. 13:17*) and having a faithful, active laity, deeply involved in the life and mission of the Church.

Let's be who we are. God treasures children, family and education. So do we.

Let's be who we are. Pastors are "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God" (*1 Cor. 4:1*; see also *Apology XXIV, 78-80*). There is pastoral discretion in giving the Lord's Supper, and we grant it, but simply placing a notice in the bulletin inviting non-LCMS people to the Sacrament without any contact with the pastor is not pastoral discretion. And by the way, the LCMS has a higher retention of members than churches practicing open communion. Let's be who we say we are.

The office you have placed me in has many responsibilities. The one repeated most often in the LCMS Constitution and Bylaws is that of doing whatever the president can to uphold the public teaching, doctrine and practice of the LCMS. That includes, by the way, fervent desire to reach out with the Gospel. Until my last hour in this office, I will press toward this goal. God help us all. And He does.

### **Lenten Worship Schedule 2019**

**Wednesday, March 13-April 10 Midweek Services**  
Matins, 8:50 a.m.  
Evening prayer, 7:15 p.m.

**Lenten Soup Suppers Begin**  
**Each Wednesday at**  
**6:15 p.m.**

## Calendar

### Sunday, March 10

#### First Sunday in Lent

8:30 am—Worship w/communion  
 10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School  
 10:00 am—New Member Class  
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion  
 12:30 pm—Confirmation Luncheon

### Monday, March 11

8:30 am—Counters

### Tuesday, March 12

7:00 pm—Voters Assembly

### Wednesday, March 13

8:50 am—Lenten Matins/BLS Chapel  
 9:00 am—Ladies LifeLight  
 3:30 pm—Schola Cantorum  
 5:30 pm—Praises Ring  
 6:15 pm—Lenten Soup Supper  
 7:15 pm—Lenten Evening Prayer  
 8:00 pm—Proclaim

### Thursday, March 14

### Friday, March 15

### Saturday, March 16

No Saturday AM Men's Bible Breakfast  
 9:00 am—Board of Trustees Meeting  
 10:00 am—Naperville St. Patrick's Day Parade  
 5:00 pm—Worship w/communion

### Sunday, March 17

#### Second Sunday in Lent

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

### Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will meet on **Thursday, March 21 from 6:30-8 p.m.** at Hopvine Brewing Co. (4030 Fox Valley Center Dr.). We hope you will join us!

## Prayers

### In Our Prayers.....

**All of Our Members, especially:** **Jane Buntrock**, ill health; **Sharon Lenich**, cancer; **Dudley Lusk**, recovery from infection. *(please renew after four weeks).*

**All of our Family Members & Friends, especially:** **Jett Hudson Clardy**, (great-nephew of Pastor Schumacher) premature/in NICU; **Pat Feihen**, (family of Cyndi Niccolai) breast cancer; **Hudson Feldman**, (2 year old family friend of the Anderson family) battling cancer; **Laurie Hofman**, (friend of Beth Schultz) ill health; **Ron Hoppe**, (uncle of Melanie Colt) ill health; **Rosemary LaMont**, (friend of the Splitt family) recovery from eye surgery; **Linda**, (friend of Maria Simpson) healing; **Mary Walsh**, (mother of Mike Walsh) recovery from broken hip/skin cancer; **David Wohlrab**, (brother of Jean Quetsch) cancer. *(please renew after two weeks).*

Prayers that the Lord be with **Matthew Hinze** and **Michael Hinze**, **Adam Horton**, **Peter Johnson**, **Savanna Lugay**, **James Maher**, **Shalyn Martinek**, **Pierce** and **Quinn Parlier**, **Jennifer**, **Nicholas** and **Camm Williams** as they continue to serve in the Military.

For **Enrique Veguilla and family**—for protection/guidance.

**Prayers of thanksgiving for Lisa Crivolio** for the successful removal/cure of thyroid cancer and for **Phillip and Jolene Lechowicz** at the birth of a baby boy, Louis Phillip on March 2.

There will be **no** Saturday AM Men's Bible Breakfast on Saturday, March 16.

### Sign Up for Easter Flowers

Sign up this weekend to order your Easter plants for our altar and your home this Easter. The sign up sheet/payment envelopes are at the flower chart in the narthex. Thank you.

## Congratulations to Brad & Lori Ruwe!

After last Sunday's events we held the drawing from our new or increasing electronic givers. Congratulations to Brad and Lori Ruwe who won a \$50 Manna gift card of their choice. Those who still plan to sign up for this convenient and very helpful service can contact our Financial Administrator, Pam Kolzow at any time ([pkolzow@bethanylcs.org](mailto:pkolzow@bethanylcs.org)) or grab a form from the tract carousel in the Narthex. Many thanks to all of our new and continuing electronic givers!

## News

### Narthex Renovation Survey

Bethany's Interiors Society is planning to update and renovate the narthex in the upcoming year. While there will certainly be diversity of opinions in our church family, an anonymous online survey was emailed to the address on file in this week's church email blast, but is also available as a pop up link on the church's website ([bethanylcs.org](http://bethanylcs.org)). The survey is to help identify the congregation's general thoughts and priorities regarding the Narthex's current condition, its use, the message it communicates, and its look and feel. Each member is asked to take the survey within the next few weeks as we gather congregational input. For those without internet access, paper copies are available at the Welcome Center.

*The goal is to raise funds for any work independent of the budget, by providing plans and requesting donations.*

### Looking Ahead:

#### Vacation Bible School at Bethany

**Save the date! Bethany's VBS will take place on June 17-20, 2019 from 9 a.m. until noon.** We will explore God's miraculous mission and learn about His plan of salvation from creation to the cross! Sign up will be available on our website soon, but in the meantime feel free to spread the word. VBS is open to incoming preschool 4's (children four years old on or before September 1) through incoming 5th grade. Sixth grade and older students can sign up to be group assistants and we will need adult group leaders and teachers. Three year olds are welcome if accompanied by a parent. We're looking forward to another fun year at VBS!

#### Lenten Soup Suppers

Soup Suppers during the Lenten season begin every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. This Wednesday the Bethany's day school will sponsor the supper. We thank the Saturday AM Men's Bible Breakfast and the church office for providing supper this past Wednesday.

### Lenten/Holy Week/Easter Service Schedule

#### Wednesdays, March 13-April 10

Soup Supper, 6:15 p.m. in the gym  
Midweek services at 8:50 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

#### Sunday, April 14 *Palm Sunday Divine Service*

(regular service times)

#### Thursday, April 18 *Maundy Thursday Divine service*

7:15 p.m.

#### Friday, April 19 *Good Friday*

*(private confession by appointment)*

4 p.m.—Chief Service

7:15 p.m.—Tenebrae Vespers

#### Saturday, April 20 *Easter Vigil*

7:38 p.m.

#### Sunday, April 21 *Easter*

6:30 a.m.—Sunrise Matins

Breakfast Buffet

8:30 and 11 a.m.—Divine Service

### Voters Assembly Set for Tuesday, March 12

The next quarterly meeting of the Voters Assembly is this Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. The packet of information for the meeting is on the Welcome Center. Those who are not yet voters may become members of the Voters Assembly by stating their intent at one meeting and attending a second meeting within one year. Our current Constitution and By-laws can be found on our website under the Resource tab.

### Time to "Adopt A Plot"!

Families, singles, couples and gardening friends are needed to maintain our gardening beds. We have 15 areas around the church property that need TLC this growing season. Maps and Sign-up is available in the Narthex this weekend. If you have questions, please contact Jean Martinek in the church office [jmartinek@bethanylcs.org](mailto:jmartinek@bethanylcs.org).

### March 14 is a Green Day for the OWLs!



The OWL's are getting ready for "Wearin' of the Green"! We will meet at Braconi's, 796 Royal St. George, Naperville for lunch and fellowship on **Thursday, March 14 at 11:30 a.m.** Please RSVP to Alice/Mel Holtan at 630-299-3740 by

Tuesday, March 12.

### College Care Group

The College Care Group will be meeting on Thursday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Bethany to pack the last package for the school year. Our care package theme will be "Easter" and later in the month the board will be displayed with opportunities for you to donate money toward the postage to send these packages or to donate some goodies to include in the packages. We hope that parents of our students and all others interested will be able to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Sue Hannenberg at 630-369-3898 or at [dash7alh@wowway.com](mailto:dash7alh@wowway.com).

### Summer Stem Program at Bethany

Bethany has contracted with a Summer Stem Program call Galileo. **From June 24 through August 2, staff and students of the Galileo program will meet from 8 a.m.—6 p.m. each day.** Some themes include Deep Ocean Explorers, Expedition to Everest, and Makers Workshop. Registration is open to all. For more information go to [galileo-camps.com](http://galileo-camps.com) or contact the school office. **Flyers are available at the Welcome Center.**

### Ladies Guild Has a Need

Bethany's Ladies Guild is looking for a person who has an embroidery machine and would like to help make the baptismal napkins. Please call Sue Dumford at 630-355-9282 if you can help.

## Bethany Staff

### Program Staff

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

### Faculty

Debby Buckman	Preschool Teacher
Angela Hess	Preschool Teacher
Jamie Rogoz	Preschool Teacher
Diana Gubert	Preschool Teacher
Justine Kaczmarek	Preschool Teacher
Beth Schultz	Preschool Teacher
Ashley Zorena	Preschool Teacher
Kim Rodriguez, Traci Downs	Instructional Aides
Heather Lee, Cindy Hoekema	Instructional Aides
Kristin Gemkow	Kindergarten
Diane Green, Claudia Contreras	Instructional Aides
Cyndi Niccolai	First Grade
Kari Janetzke	Second Grade
Carole Staunch	Art/First Grade Aide
Chad Baganz	Third Grade
Michelle Stehle	Fourth Grade
Nancy Yendrejczyk	Library
Grant Baganz	K-5th Phys. Ed.
Josh Schultz	Sixth Grade
Rob Johnson	Seventh Grade
David Bremer	Eighth Grade
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
Matt Carlson	Confirmation/Sunday School Coordinator/Youth Support
Vacant	Worship Secretary
Jean Martinek	Evangelism/Membership Secretary/Printer
Jake Mathley	Facilities Manager
Pam Splitt	Herald Editor

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## Board of Trustees

Tom Hart  
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Jon Roberts  
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Jeffery Williams  
vacant

**The deadline for the March 17 Herald  
is Tuesday, March 12.**

## Bible Studies at Bethany

### Savoring Sunday

#### Adult Bible Class in the Gym at 10 a.m.

Have you ever had questions about a Bible reading on Sunday, but never remembered to explore it or ask a pastor? This week, we'll continue our Bible study that unfolds the readings of the day, allowing us to dig deeper into the text, explore the Lord's promises unique to those readings and in short, savor Sunday. Join us in the gym for this Bible study.

#### Adult Instruction Class at 10 a.m.

If you're interested in joining Bethany or learning more about the Lutheran faith, please join us in the Board Room each Sunday during the Bible study hour. 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 with questions.

#### Sunday School for Children

All classes meet at 10 a.m. in our school wing and grade levels are marked on the doorways. We have Sunday School classes for preschoolers through grade 8.

#### High School Bible Class Meets in the Youth Room

Bible Class for high school students meets in the youth room each Sunday. If you have questions or want more information contact Matt Carlson at [mcarlson@bethanylcs.org](mailto:mcarlson@bethanylcs.org).

#### Women's LifeLight Study Meets Wednesdays

Wednesday Morning Women's LifeLight is studying of the Gospel of John Part II. Please join us in the Harris Wing board room from 9 to 11 a.m. each Wednesday morning. Contact Sheri Walsh with questions at [ssmdw@wideopenwest.com](mailto:ssmdw@wideopenwest.com) or call or text 630-816-4647. Gospel of John Part II study books are available in the church office.

#### Evening Lifelight Meets Thursdays:

#### Study of Hebrews Coming Soon

The Thursday Evening Lifelight Bible Study meets with Pastor at church one week and in a home the next (7 p.m.) We are finishing our study of Haggai/Zechariah/Malachi and will soon begin the study of Hebrews. Join us for Bible study and fellowship. For more information, please call the church office.

#### Saturday AM Men's Bible Breakfast Meets at 7:30 a.m.

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. **No class March 16.**

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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.