



HERALD

May 19, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.

Family Discipleship Seminar by Pastor Clemmer

“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matt. 28:18-20)

Disciple comes from Greek word for “learner” or “follower.” The Lord’s disciples, therefore, are those who learn from Him, follow Him, and know His voice. According to Jesus’s Great Commission, His disciples are those baptized into His Name and taught all that He has commanded. So, Are you baptized? Are you learning God’s Word? Then YOU are a disciple of Jesus!

The life of a disciple includes the ongoing learning of the Lord’s Word, being regularly nourished by His Life-giving Gospel. Disciples are made by baptizing AND teaching, so the life of learning characterizes the Lord’s disciples after they have been baptized.

While it is essential for all of us to regularly be fed and nourished by our Lord’s Word, it is especially important for parents to emphasize this life of learning for their children from the beginning. Children are totally dependent on their parents to bring them to church and Sunday School, to teach them to pray, and to model for them the life of a disciple of Jesus. All too often, babies are baptized into the Lord’s life-giving Name, and then removed from the Lord’s Word and His Divine Service by their parents for decades. How can a planted seed grow if it is not watered? How can a branch thrive when it is cut from the vine? How can we expect the Lord to grow the faith of the child when we remove the children from the Word—the very thing by which the Lord works faith?

Christian parents are entrusted with the responsibility of teaching their children the Lord’s Word and modeling for them the Christian life. Luther reminds parents that “[they should] not only provide for the material support of their children, servants, subjects, etc., but especially to bring them up to the praise and honor of God. Therefore do not imagine that the parental office is a matter of your pleasure and whim. It is a strict commandment and injunction of God, who holds you accountable for it” (Fourth Commandment: 168-169). The responsibilities of the parent are centered, not upon material support, social skill development, or college preparation, but primarily upon the teaching of the children in the Christian faith and a life toward serving God. Luther continues, “See . . . that you above all want to instruct children in spiritual matters, so that they are given over to God before they come to the trades of the world. . . .” (Luther, Commentary on the Ten Commandments, 192). Basically, when a child is raised to be God-fearing and God-serving, the child is prepared for service in the other estates, as well.

Beginning this Sunday and continuing for the next three weeks in the MPR during Bible Study hour, Bethany is offering the *Family Discipleship Seminar*. This seminar is a Bible study opportunity for parents, particularly with young children or those who are pregnant. The seminar will review and discuss the Biblical foundations of the vows parents make at their child’s baptism, as well as the vows they once made at their wedding, refreshing parents in their vocation as parents, husbands, and wives. It will also serve as an opportunity for these parents to form relationships with other members of the congregation who are going through a similar stage of life. More information is available inside this Herald. If you’d like drop by for part of the seminar or simply to encourage these parents, please do!

Calendar

Sunday, May 19

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am—worship w/communion

10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School

10:00 am—Financial Forum

11:00 am—worship w/communion

5:00 pm—Youth Cookout

Monday, May 20

BLS 5th grade at Walcamp

9:30 am—LWML

7:00 pm—Voters Board

Tuesday, May 21

Wednesday, May 22

8:50 am—BLS Chapel

3:30 pm—Schola Cantorum

5:30 pm—Praises Ring

7:00 pm—Proclaim

Thursday, May 23

Friday, May 24

7:00 pm—BLS Graduation

Saturday, May 25

7:30 am—Saturday AM Men's Basketball

5:00 pm—worship w/communion

Sunday, May 26

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am—worship w/communion

10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School

11:00 am—worship w/communion

No Youth

College Bible Study May 31

All college students are invited to join Pastor Clemmer's Bible study on Friday, May 31, 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Quigley's in downtown Naperville.

Financial Budget Forum

Sunday, May 19

10 a.m.

In the gym.

Voters Assembly Meeting

Sunday, June 2, 1 p.m.

In the sanctuary.

Prayers

In Our Prayers.....

All of Our Members, especially: Diane Benecke, early onset Alzheimer's Disease; Ryley Bjustrom, hearing issues; Mary Burke, recovery from fall; George Smentek, recovery from back fusion; Robert Steege, hospice care. *(please renew after four weeks).*

All of our Family Members & Friends, especially: Debbie, (friend of Maria Simpson) healing; Hudson Feldman, (2 year old friend of the Anderson family) cancer; Robin Hardin, (sister-in-law of Fred Hardin) cancer; Ron Hoppe, (uncle of Melanie Colt) ill health; William Jaquest, (father of Debbie Smart) health issues; Jan, (friend of Linda Metzger) for good test results; Don Koenig, (father of Chris Koenig) cancer; Michelle, (friend of Ron/Martha Stark) strength as caregiver; Neal Oppenheimer, (godfather of Jennifer Gutzwiller) cancer; Sandra Rosa, (mother of Melanie Colt) sleep issues; Carol Sprafka, (friend of Jaime Thompson) fighting cancer; Steve, (friend of Ron/Martha Stark) poor health; Mary Walsh, (mother of Mike Walsh) treatments/healing; 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, David Nordman, Pierce and Quinn Parlier, Jennifer and Nicholas Camm Williams as they continue to serve in the Military.

Prayers of thanksgiving for Emily Kraft on her college graduation, thanksgiving for Margie Milz for her successful hip replacement surgery and for the Simpson family for work/schooling successes.

Baptisms

Emmett Hunter Lieb, son of Timothy and Sarah (Schumacher) Lieb will be baptized at the 8:30 a.m. service this Sunday. Emmett's godparents are Paul Schumacher and Meghan Lieb.

Henry Taylor McIntyre, son of Wyatt and Mary (Weber) McIntyre will be baptized at the 11 a.m. service this Sunday. Henry's godparents are Tom Hart and Lynn Hart.

Stewardship

Weekly Contributions - Week of 5/12/2019

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$12,906	\$19,500	(\$6,594)

Year to Date Contributions 07/1/18 - 5/15/19

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$904,989	\$915,000	(\$10,011)

Attendance

	May 19	May 18
Avg Weekly Attendance - May	485	476
YTD Attendance July - May	19,888	19,646

News

Congratulations Rev. Dr. Seth Clemmer

Pastor Clemmer earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana and graduated this past Friday, May 17. The title of his thesis is *Improving Youth Retention and Baptismal Administration at Bethany Lutheran Church, Naperville, Illinois, by Emphasizing Parental Responsibilities at Baptism*. Pastor Clemmer is grateful to the members of Bethany for their support and involvement in this program as he pursued this degree. He can make the thesis available to those who wish to read it.

Ascension Service with Schola Cantorum Chorister Promotions

"He ascended into heaven..." And before Christ ascended into heaven he arranged everything in the church to deliver us from our sins and keep us strong in our faith. Let's celebrate that on **Thursday, May 30 at 7:15 p.m.!** The service will feature all of our music ensembles (choirs, bells, and brass), as well as a recognition of the Schola Cantorum Choristers who have been promoted this year. The service will be preceded by a Spaghetti Sauce cookoff at 6:00.

Unseat Fat Pete Clemenza!

What?!? At last year's Ascension Dinner, Cantor Michael Giuliani won the Spaghetti Sauce Cook-off with his "Fat Pete Clemenza Godfather Spaghetti Sauce" Your mission this year, should you choose to accept it, is to concoct a sauce that will rise above the "Fat Pete" sauce and win you the top prize. There are few rules and adding your special touch to a jar of your favorite sauce is perfectly acceptable. Basically, we need sauce entries and we want lots of people to come share a fun spaghetti dinner on Ascension Day. **Join us on Thursday, May 30 at 6 p.m.!**

Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference at Concordia University Chicago

Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8

Featuring

Ross Douthat of the New York Times
Making the Case Why the Public Square Needs Christianity

Matt Walsh of The Daily Wire
Making the Case against Progressivism

Wesley Smith of National Review
Making the Case for the Hippocratic Oath

Rev. Matt Harrison, President of the LCMS
Making the Case for Being Joyfully Lutheran

Carol Tobias, President of National Right to Life
Making the Case against Planned Parenthood

Rev. Will Weedon,
Director of Worship for the LCMS
Conference Hymn Sing

Rev. Hans Fiene of Lutheran Satire
Making the Case for the Lord's Supper

For more information:
www.issuesetc.org, 618-223-8385
Attendance is limited to 500.

Family Discipleship Seminar

Beginning this Sunday during the Bible Study hour Pastor Clemmer is holding a 4-week Family Discipleship Seminar for parents with infants/toddlers and expecting parents. Please see Pastor Clemmer's front page feature article for more information.

Coins for Caring Network Continues

Bethany continues it's "Coins for Caring Network" drive (formerly CareNet DuPage) through Father's Day. Please take a baby bottle, fill it with coins, cash or check and return it in the narthex or church office. Your donation can truly make a difference! Contact Jenny Krock with questions (callan.jenny@gmail.com).

Red Geraniums for Pentecost

If you wish to purchase one or more geraniums for the sanctuary on Pentecost (June 9), please sign up on the sheet located near the flower chart and place your payment in the envelope provided. The cost is \$8 per geranium. All geraniums will be planted on the church grounds after Pentecost.

VBS Coming Soon!

VBS is set for June 17-20 from 9 a.m. until noon. We have 145 students registered but only 4 adult group leaders. We need your help to ensure we run a safe and fun program. Please email Linda Fox help at lfox@bethanylcs.org if you can help. Students can register at www.bethanylcs.org under the "Get Involved" tab on the church website. Children should be 4 years old by September 1 through entering 5th grade. Jr. High Students and older are welcome to join us as teen leaders.

Updates from Rev. St-Onge

Bethany members support the mission work of Rev. Charles St-Onge through our special offering envelopes. He and his wife Deborah keep us updated on their work in both Canada and the islands of the Caribbean. The March and April newsletters are now posed on the message tower in the narthex.

Summer Sunday School Helpers Needed!

We are looking for adults who are interested in sharing the Gospel with our parish children during the summer. This is just a one week commitment where you could either teach or be an aide for the Sunday School. We have classes for early childhood (pre-school), lower Elementary (kindergarten to 2nd grade) and upper Elementary 3rd through 5th grade). If you are interested or would like some more information please contact Matt Carlson (mcarlson@bethanylcs.org)

Hit a TRIPLE on 6/2!

BBQ Fundraiser, Fellowship, & Time to Vote!

On Sunday, June 2, Bethany's Youth will again be serving tasty take-out or dine-in BBQ lunches as a fundraiser for their Higher Things trip to Concordia Wisconsin this July. Youth dads will prepare slow-smoked pulled pork and beef brisket, plus sides, such as baked beans coleslaw, chips, drinks, and dessert!

You can pick up to-go lunches in the gym on June 2 after early church, during or after late church—or stick around and eat in the gym while you wait for the Voter's Assembly at 1:00 p.m. \$15/BBQ lunch and \$5 hot dog lunches available. Thank you so much for supporting our youth!!

Bethany Staff

Program Staff

Rev. Seth ClemmerSenior Pastor (Witness, Youth)
 Rev. Stephen Schumacher.....Pastor (Mercy)
 Neal Kaspar.....School Principal
 Michael Giuliani.....Cantor
 Linda Fox..... Admissions Director
 Erin Dunwell.....Interim 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
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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.

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? Join us each week in the gym as we 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. **This class will not meet this Sunday.**

Family Discipleship Seminar Begins this Sunday

This class, taught by Pastor Clemmer, begins this Sunday and runs for four weeks. Join Pastor Clemmer in the multi-purpose room from 9:50-10:50 a.m. See page 3 for more class information.

Interested in Joining Bethany?

If you're interested in joining Bethany or learning more about the Lutheran faith, please contact Pastor Schumacher at sschumacher@bethanylcs.org or Pastor Clemmer at 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.

Women's Summer LifeLight

The Women's Wednesday Morning LifeLight Bible Study group is taking a summer break from in-depth study (and homework). **Beginning Wednesday, June 5, please join us from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.** we will be studying the minor prophets together and enjoying discussion. Simply bring your Bible. Please contact Sheri Walsh with questions at ssmdw@wideopenwest.com or call or text 630-816-4647.

Evening Lifelight Meets Thursdays:

Studying the Book of Hebrews

The Thursday Evening Lifelight Bible Study meets with Pastor at church one week and in a home the next (7 p.m.) We are studying the Book 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.

**The deadline for the May 26 Herald
 is Tuesday, May 21.**