



HERALD

July 14, 2019
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Peace Where Brothers are Engaging

By David J Peterson

As the Missouri Synod's triennial convention approaches, I regularly find myself singing the fourth stanza of "Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation" from The Lutheran Hymnal (*TLH*). [...]

Peace in our hearts, our sinful thoughts assuaging;
Peace in Thy Church, where brothers are engaging;
Peace when the world its busy war is waging,
Calm Thy foes raging. (*TLH* 258:4)

The hymn asks, simply and straightforwardly, for peace in three particular realms. It asks for peace in our hearts instead of sinful thoughts. It asks for peace in the Church instead of fighting and bickering. And finally, it asks for peace in the world instead of war.

It is that second request for peace in a Church "where brothers are engaging" that I miss in the newer version. In some form or another, we still need that prayer. We need it because the Church Militant, not only at the Synod level, but also at the congregational and family levels, has always suffered not only from heresies and schisms, but also from party politics and fervently-held differences of opinion about all sorts of issues. The Church Militant is not only fighting with Satan and his demonic armies. It is also fighting with itself. Brothers are engaging, and not merely in the friendly way in which we use the word "engage" today, but also in the older, rowdier sense of the word: that of single combat.

On this side of glory, brothers fight. Perhaps sometimes relationships become so broken that brothers actually hate each other, but this outcome isn't as common as you might think. Usually brothers in the Church fight because they love each other.

Imagine this very typical scenario: A 13-year-old boy is rude to his mother. He is rebuked by his older brother and their disagreement escalates until fisticuffs ensue. They fight. The older brother does this out of love for their mother, but he himself is no angel. He is partly driven by pride, thinking that he is the better son. He wants to demonstrate his superiority in front of the younger brother and his mother. He also may want to enact vengeance for past slights and crimes. But for all of that, the older brother, in fact, loves his younger brother. His rebuke isn't driven purely by love or carried out in love, but love is involved. The older brother ultimately wants to restore family peace and harmony.

It is not much different in the Church. The Church Militant is made up of Christians. Every Christian still on this side of glory is at war in himself. We all love the Church and one another, but we also struggle with pride and other vices. We should not be shocked if there are some heated debates and unkind remarks or other inappropriate behaviors at the convention this summer or in our congregational meetings or around our dinner tables. We should be disappointed, and to some degree ashamed, but we should not be surprised. Brothers fight.

At the same time, in our disappointment, we want to do better. We want to speak and act in love. We pray for peace and for our brothers. We pray that God would give us the grace by His Gospel to submit to the Word of God (*Heb. 4:12-13*) and to one another in love (*Eph. 5:21; Rom. 7:4*), to strive for pure doctrine and practice (*1 Tim. 4:3; 6:3*), but not to wrangle over words (*2 Tim 2:14*).

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Calendar

Sunday, July 14

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am—worship w/communion

10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School

11:00 am—worship w/communion

Monday, July 15

8:00 am—Days for Girls Sewing

Tuesday, July 16

Wednesday, July 17

9:00 am—Ladies LifeLight

Thursday, July 18

Friday, July 19

7:00 pm—Jr. Sr. Youth Game Night

Saturday, July 20

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 w/communion

Sunday, July 21

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am—worship w/communion

10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School

11:00 am—worship w/communion

Prayers

In Our Prayers.....

All of Our Members, especially: **Larry Balcer**, recovery from pneumonia; **Diane Benecke**, strength/dealing with early onset Alzheimer's Disease; **Mike Broggi**, recovery from allergic reaction to medication/open heart/by-pass surgery; **Roger Fiene**, recovery from heart procedure; **Sam Harris**, recovery from chemo side effects. *(Please renew after four weeks).*

All of our Family Members & Friends, especially: **Mili Bertrand**, (14 year old friend of Linda Metzger) battling lyme disease; **Danielle**, (niece of Aaron/Debbie Clasen) recovery from brain surgery; **John Fisher**, (friend of the Gutzwiller family) cancer; **Laura Glassman**, (friend of Beth Hahn) ALS; **Robin Hardin**, (sister-in-law of Fred Hardin) cancer; **Bill Hardt**, (uncle of Beth Hahn) tongue cancer; **Laurie Hofman**, (friend of Beth Schultz) cancer treatments; **Neal Oppenheimer**, (godfather of Jennifer Gutzwiller) cancer/hospice care; **Mary Walsh**, (mother of Mike Walsh) healing/chemo treatments; **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**, **Ryan Skarin**, **Jennifer** and **Nicholas Camm Williams** as they continue to serve in the Military.

Prayers for the marriage of **Donna Linnemeyer** and **Greg Malnick** at Bethany on Saturday, July 13.

Chancel Flowers

Chancel flowers for this weekend were placed by **Donna Linnemeyer** for her marriage to Greg Malnick at Bethany on Saturday.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

As Bethany Lutheran Church starts our new fiscal year, it is important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Contributions can be deducted automatically from your checking or savings account on a weekly, bi-monthly or monthly basis. This program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

To set up a new recurring giving schedule, please fill out a form available in the narthex, and return to the church office. To make changes to your current giving, please contact Pam Kolzow at pkolzow@bethanylcs.org.

You can also download the GivePlus app on your mobile device and set up automatic deductions from your checking account on your own.

News

Come Join the Coffee Hour Committee

Enjoy grabbing a cup of coffee or tea and a treat every Sunday? Now that Donna Linnemeyer has retired, let's form a committee to keep this tradition flowing (pun intended)!

We will meet this Sunday, July 14 after the 11 a.m. service, in the multi-purpose room (a light lunch will be available). We will discuss the various responsibilities and how to best share them. Please also bring your ideas, perhaps how you've seen it done in other churches. If you cannot attend the meeting, please call the church office with your ideas and ways you can help.

LWML:

Little Donations Make Big Impact

The LWML, or Lutheran Women's Missionary League, continues to collect used eyeglasses, sunglasses, and cancelled stamps. As you travel this summer, or receive postcards from friends who travel, please KEEP THE POSTCARDS INTACT, as these have more value than if stamps are cut off. Especially cards from foreign countries are valued. On letters, cut off stamps leaving a quarter inch margin. Do not save the flag stamps, but all others are accepted.

Bethany's Prayer Chain

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

Theology on Tap and LWML will not meet in the month of July!

The next Men's Saturday Morning Bible Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, July 20 at 7:30 a.m.

BLS Seeks Part-Time Aide

Bethany Lutheran School is accepting applications for a part-time pre-school aide. The position is 20 hours per week in the afternoon. Interested applicants should send a resume to pcompton@bethanylcs.org.

Dignity for Girls Workshop

Monday, July 15, from 9 a.m. until noon in the Conference Room, we will be putting the final touches on some of the feminine hygiene kit items. Please come to join us if you have time and are interested. No sewing required!

Voicemail Repairs Still on Our Radar!

We've purchased a re-furbished voicemail component to get our current system back in service. Our long term plan is to replace this original (used) system with a new system but this fix will get us back up and running for now.

Here's Some Bethany Trivia!

Can anyone name the active Bethany member who has been a Bethany member the longest? How about the top five active members who have been members the longest?

Answers will appear in next weekend's Herald.

Youth News

Save the Date

Senior Youth Send Off—Friday, July 26 from 5 to 8 p.m. (offsite)

Jr. Sr. High Kick-Off Party—Friday, August 23 from 5 to 10 p.m.

Youth Game Nights!

Attention Jr. Sr. and College Youth

The Youth Room is open on Friday nights this summer from 7-9 p.m. through August 9th for kids to come and hang out, play board games, video games, pool, etc. An adult will be there each week to supervise. This will be open to anyone who will be in Jr High through College age youth. It's a great opportunity for our youth to just get together, relax and get to know each other better. Please remember to enter/leave through the Youth room doors.

Bring a favorite game or favorite snack to share. Non-church friends are always welcome. Please contact Molly D'Amico or Chris Johnson for more details. mollydamico@comcast.net, 500.00chris@gmail.com.

Please note—there will be no game night Friday, July 19 due to Higher Things.

Peace Where Brothers are Engaging

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We pray, in other words, for peace in the Church where brothers are engaging. We pray that the convention in July will be a blessing to those involved and to the mission of the Church. And insofar as it fails to live up to the high ideals of the Scriptures, we eagerly await the day when we shall outgrow this childishness as the good work begun in us is completed.

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Board of Finance

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The deadline for the July 21 Herald is Tuesday, July 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.

Bible Studies at Bethany

Two Sunday Classes

Stewardship Basics

Continuing this Sunday, Pastor Clemmer teaches a class on Stewardship Basics in the multi-purpose room. This class is designed to help congregations start a discussion of whole-life stewardship for their members as those created and redeemed to be stewards of the Lord's gifts.

Lutheran Education

Pastor Schumacher continues to teach a Bible class in the board room on Lutheran Education. In this class we will learn how Luther, Lutherans and we in our time can best serve our children by an education that teaches them the faith and how to serve the Lord in life.

Both classes meet at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

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). We meet on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and are 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

The Thursday Evening Lifelight Bible Study meets with Pastor at church one week and in a home the next (7 p.m.) **This group is taking a break for the summer and will start up again in fall.** Watch the Herald for the start up time. 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.