



# HERALD

October 7, 2018  
Nineteenth 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.

## “We Want a King (CEO) Like the Other Nations (churches)” By Pastor Clemmer

[The elders of Israel said to Samuel], “Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” (1 Sam. 8:5-6)

The Lord has placed men in the office of pastor to care for His sheep in the Church, and the same Lord has called those sheep into His Church to receive His gifts through the pastor. These sheep look to their pastor as a shepherd for guidance, protection, and nourishment. However, the extent to which the pastor is given authority by the Lord is limited to the preaching/teaching office and the administration of the sacraments. The pastor is no earthly dictator, but one who gives gifts freely. Sadly, just as the Lord’s people Israel cried out for an earthly king (1 Sam. 8:5), the Lord’s people in the church sometimes desire an earthly king (or CEO) as their pastor. That didn’t work out well for Israel (e.g., King Saul) nor does it work well in the Lord’s Church today, since it can blur the line between “this guy’s opinion” and “the Word of the Lord.” In the following excerpt from *The Apology of the Augsburg Confession*, Melancthon addressed this issue:

<sup>7</sup> In the church we must keep this teaching, that we receive forgiveness of sins freely for Christ’s sake by faith. We must also keep the teaching that human traditions are useless acts of worship, and that therefore neither sin nor righteousness depends upon food, drink, clothing, and similar matters. Christ wanted to leave their use free when he said (*Matt. 15:11*), “What goes into the mouth does not defile a man.” And Paul says (*Rom. 14:17*), “The kingdom of God is not food or drink.”

<sup>8</sup> Thus bishops have no right to create traditions apart from the Gospel as though they merited the forgiveness of sins or were acts of worship that pleased God as righteousness. Nor do the

bishops have the right to burden consciences with such traditions so that it would be a sin to omit them. All this is taught by that one passage in *Acts (15:9)*, where the apostles say that hearts are cleansed by faith and then go on to forbid the imposing of a yoke, showing how dangerous this is and enlarging on the sin of those who burden the church. [...] <sup>11</sup> The Gospel clearly testifies that traditions should not be imposed on the church to merit forgiveness of sins or to be acts of worship that please God as righteousness or to burden consciences so that their omission is judged to be a sin. [...]

<sup>14</sup> **A bishop does not have the power of a tyrant to act without a definite law, nor that of a king to act above the law. But he has a definite command, a definite Word of God, which he ought to teach and according to which he ought to exercise his jurisdiction.** Therefore it does not follow that since they have a certain jurisdiction bishops may institute new acts of worship, for worship does not belong to their jurisdiction. They have the Word, they have the command about when they should exercise their jurisdiction, namely, when anyone does something contrary to that Word which they have received from Christ.

<sup>15</sup> ...it is legitimate for them to create traditions, namely, that they must not be necessary acts of worship but a means of preserving order in the church, for the sake of peace.

**These must not ensnare consciences** as though they were commanding necessary acts of worship. This is what Paul teaches when he says (*Gal. 5:1*), “Stand fast in the freedom with which Christ has set you free, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”

[*Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article XVIII: Ecclesiastical Power, 7-15*]

## This Week's Calendar

### Sunday, October 7

**Nineteenth Sunday after the Holy Trinity**

- 8:30 am—Worship w/communion
- 10:00 am— Bible Class/Sunday School
- 10:00 am—Adult Confirmation Class
- 11:00 am—Worship w/communion
- 12:30 pm—Sr. High Youth Lunch/Bible Study

### Monday, October 8

**Columbus Day**—BLS in session

### Tuesday, October 9

7:00 pm—Board of Finance

### Wednesday, October 10

- 8:50 am—BLS Chapel
- 9:00 am— Ladies LifeLight
- 3:30 pm—Schola Cantorum
- 5:30 pm—Praises Ring
- 7:00 pm—Proclaim

### Thursday, October 11

### Friday, October 12

8:00 am—BLS Dads & Donuts

### Saturday, October 13

- 7:30 am—Saturday AM Men's Basketball
- 9:00 am—Sunday School Teachers Training
- 5:00 pm— Worship w/communion

### Sunday, October 14

**Twentieth Sunday after the Holy Trinity**

- 8:30 am—Worship w/communion
- 10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School
- 10:00 am—Adult Confirmation Class
- 11:00 am—Worship w/communion
- 12:30 pm—Jr. Confirmation Luncheon

## Prayers

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

**All of Our Members, especially:** **Marlene Elder**, ill health; **Ann Galfano**, recovery from surgery; **Dick Knosher**, ill health; **Sheri Luhrs**, recovery from broken fibula/tibia; **Shirley Ramsdell**, hospitalized; **Troy Roberts**, recovery from cancer surgery; **Eric Witkowski**, recovery from severe injury due to an accident. *(please renew after four weeks).*

**All of our Family Members & Friends, especially:** **Shielda Bal-lantyne**, (mother of Amy Darcy) ill health; **Elizabeth Hildahl**, (mother of Amy Schumacher) hospitalized; **Debbie Huff**, (friend of **Judy Teske**) ill health. *(please renew after two weeks).*

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

### **Chancel Flowers**

Chancel flowers for this weekend were placed by **Bob and Cheryl Airhart** for their 50th wedding anniversary and by the **Bar-nickel Family** for Jennifer and Al's 18th wedding anniversary.

### **Baptism**

**Everleigh Louise Clemmer**, daughter of Pastor Seth and Mandy Clemmer, will be baptized at the 11 a.m. service this weekend. Everleigh's godparents are Sully Clemmer and Christine Clemmer.

### **Youth News**

October 7—Sr High Youth Lunch/Bible Study at 12:30 p.m.  
 October 14—Jr Confirmation Lunch at 12:30 p.m.  
 October 21—Sr. High Mini Golf! Sr. High Youth will be playing Mini Golf at Wilderness Falls in Bolingbrook. This will be a late afternoon activity with more information coming soon. If weather is bad we will switch to bowling!

### Stewardship

#### Weekly Contributions - Week of 9/30/18

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$11,581	\$17,000	(\$5,419)

#### Year to Date Contributions 07/1/17 - 10/3/18

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$242,460	\$236,800	\$5,660

### Attendance

#### September 2018    September 2017

Avg Weekly Attendance - Sep	417	425
YTD Attendance July - Sep	5,372	4,917

### **New Time for Men's Bible Breakfast Beginning October 20!**

The Men's Bible Breakfast will start at a new time beginning October 20. We will meet at 8 a.m. Breakfast will be from 8 -8:30 a.m. and Bible Study will be from 8:30-9:30 a.m. We know that many men have a long week and this change will enable more men to make the study. Our Men's Bible Breakfast is a time for men to get to know brothers in Christ, eat a great breakfast, and then study together. October 20 will be a gourmet cooked breakfast. If you have not attended the breakfast before please come. It's a wonderful time of fellowship for brothers in Christ.

## News

### LWML Sunday Celebrated at Bethany This Weekend

Be sure to allow extra time in your worship schedule this Sunday. We welcome several of the leaders of Dignity4Girls: Sandi Helm, and her parents, Don and Gayle Sommerfield, who during their mission trips to Kenya discovered the dire needs of girls and women there. This couple inspired individuals in their church to act and before they knew it Dignity4Girls grew into a ministry that enables local churches to sew and send thousands of feminine hygiene kits overseas as well as support projects like Hens and Goats for widows! Our own Bethany women and girls have personally blessed these vulnerable Kenyans by sewing these kits as well! Sandi Helm and her parents will have a display in the narthex and speak briefly to our Bible Class. We will have a door offering this weekend for LWML. Mite boxes can always be dropped off at the Welcome Center.

### CareNet Changes It's Name

CareNet Pregnancy Services of DuPage has changed its name to Caring Network Illinois. Their PregnantHelp Centers have been renamed to Avenue Women's Center. One reason for the change is confusion with the National CareNet. While they are still affiliated with the national CareNet, sharing the name was not ideal. For simplicity purposes and for local recognition their name needed to be changed as well as to simplify marketing.

Caring Network Illinois asks that if there are additional donations to please drop them off at their Administration office at 1200 Roosevelt Rd, Ste 114 in Glen Ellyn.

### Thank You from Caring Network Illinois

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's Diaper Derby. We were able to fill the pack n' play in the narthex with 1,348 diapers and 4 packages of wipes. Thank you so much for your generosity!

### You're Invited to "Life & Liberty" A Special Presentation at Bethany

Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director at LCMS Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty will present "Life & Liberty" on November 1 from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. here at Bethany. Dr Seltz will discuss our place as Christians in the public square, current threats and challenges that Christians face in government and society and much more. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. See the tower in the narthex for registration information.

### New Bethany Logo Stickers/Magnets!

Looking for an easy way to tell people about Bethany? Do you want to support the Youth group? Then we have an easy solution to do both. The youth are selling magnets for \$5 and stickers for \$3 in the Narthex area after services.

### We're Looking for a Few New Counters!

We are looking for additional counters to help count offerings once a month on Sundays or Monday mornings. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Sheri Walsh at [ssmdw@wideopenwest.com](mailto:ssmdw@wideopenwest.com) or Pam Kolzow at [pkolzow@bethanylcs.org](mailto:pkolzow@bethanylcs.org).

### Nominations Are Requested

The December Voters Assembly includes elections and affirmations for various officer and board positions. The positions that will be filled this year can be found on the tower bulletin board in the Narthex. If you wish to recommend anyone for an office or board position, please obtain the "Nominating Information" packet from the Welcome Center. In that packet is a "Nominating Form", which can be placed in the "Nominations" Blue Box on the Welcome Center or turned in to a Pastor or Dominic Salvino by noon on October 21. We encourage you to take this opportunity to help fill these important positions at Bethany.

### OWL's to Meet October 11!

Bethany's senior group, the OWL's will meet at Maggiano's (1847 Freedom Dr. Naperville) on Thursday, October 11 for lunch and fellowship. Please call or email Jan Lechowicz (by October 9) with your RSVP 630-404-4948 or [janlechowicz@aol.com](mailto:janlechowicz@aol.com). **Be sure to take advantage of Maggiano's pasta special—buy one/get one to take home!** We hope to see you there at 11:30 a.m.!

### Attention All Parents of College Students

Our College Care Group will meet on Thursday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room to pack our first care package of the year to send off to the college students. We have fun and fellowship and we invite any of the college parents to come and help pack!

If you have not signed up for your student yet, it is not too late. Please call or email Sue Hannenberg at 630-369-3898 or [dash7alh@wowway.com](mailto:dash7alh@wowway.com) to let her know you would like to participate and we will make arrangements! Be sure to check out the board in the narthex listing all the items we need donated for the care boxes. Thank you!

### Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will meet on Tuesday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Hopvine Brewing Co. (4030 Fox Valley Center Dr.). Please see Bethany's website for the reading assignment and to register. We hope you will join us.

### BLS 8th Graders Have Pie Sale

Please help Bethany's 8th graders raise money to help pay for their class trip in Spring. The pie sale runs through October 12. Please place your order at [www.needsyoursupport.org](http://www.needsyoursupport.org). Enter ID#:104826 and State: IL. Seller: BethanySchool. You'll be happy you ordered one or more of these delicious pies! Thank you for your support.

### Crafters Paradise is Fast Approaching!

**Bethany's 29th Annual Crafters Paradise** will be here soon. Remember to keep November 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on your calendar. Many crafters from the area will exhibit and sell their hand-crafted items. We hope you will join us for this Bethany Ladies Guild sponsored event. The 2018 Chrismon is the Alpha and Omega with order forms available in the narthex. This Chrismon will also be available at Crafters Paradise. We look forward to seeing you on November 10!

## 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

Debby Buckman.....Preschool Teacher  
 Angela Hess.....Preschool Teacher  
 Jamie Rogoz.....Preschool Teacher  
 Diana Guebert.....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 Diriltlen.....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.....Youth/Evangelism/Membership Secretary/Printer  
 Jake Mathley.....Facilities Manager  
 Pam Splitt.....Herald Editor

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## Board of Finance

Richard Fick	Rick Grimes	Bill Hahn
Sam Harris	Pam Kolzow	Russ Lenich
Doug Quinn	Sue Sreniawski	Richard Sutis
	Mark Wolfram	
	Tim Gavin, Treasurer	

**The deadline for the October 14 Herald  
 is Tuesday, October 9**

## Bible Studies at Bethany

**“Confessing the Faith: A Bible Study on Apologetics and Worldviews”** This study with Pastor Clemmer meets in the gym every Sunday 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. We have Sunday School classes for preschoolers through grade 8.

**Today in Sunday School, the lesson recalls the account of “Moses and the Burning Bush.” Just as God had Moses remove the sandals from his feet, God in Christ removes our sins from us, making us fit to approach God and stand in His presence. Discuss, “Who makes us holy before God? What did Moses have to do, and why, in order to be in God’s presence?”**

### High School Bible Class

We meet in the youth room during the Sunday School time. If you have questions or want more information contact Matt Carlson at [mcarlson@bethanylcs.org](mailto:mcarlson@bethanylcs.org).

### Adult Instruction Class Continues This Weekend

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. Pastor Schumacher is teaching this class in the Harris Wing Board Room at 10 a.m.

### Women’s LifeLight

**The Women’s Wednesday Morning LifeLight Bible Study Group is studying Creation.** The Creation study guides are in the church office. Books are \$11. Our Bible study format is 9 a.m. opening, followed by homework and discussion at 9:15 a.m. 10 a.m. discussion with Pastor. Please contact Sheri Walsh with questions at [ssmdw@wideopenwest.com](mailto:ssmdw@wideopenwest.com) or call or text 630-816-4647.

### Evening Lifelight

The Thursday Evening Lifelight Bible Study meets with Pastor at church one week and in a home the next. This class begins at 7 p.m. each Thursday We are studying Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. 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.

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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.