



*Bethany's Reformation
Hymn Fest
Sunday, October 29
4 p.m.*

HERALD

**October 15, 2017
Nineteenth 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.

The Shepherd's Voice by Pastor Clemmer

Across the world, our Christian brothers and sisters daily face persecution for their confession of Jesus. As the Christians did in the earliest centuries of the Church, they often must worship the Lord in hiding and in the most primitive ways. For these Christians, quietly and paperlessly worshipping in basements, scrambling for scraps of bread for the Lord's Supper, the Lord's Church is present in all her holiness and purity. The essence of the Church is not found in fancy buildings, numerous well-oiled programs, or shiny instruments, nor is her faithfulness measured in numbers of people or dollar signs. Rather, the fullness and holiness of the Church is... *where the Word is preached.*

Or as Luther phrased it, "God be praised, a seven-year-old child knows what the church is: holy believers and 'the little sheep who hear the voice of their shepherd.'" He continued, "[The church's] holiness does not consist of [outer garments worn by the pastors or other church workers] or other ceremonies that they have invented over and above the Holy Scriptures. Its holiness exists in the Word of God and true faith." [*Smalcald Articles* 12:2-3].

The Church is where the little sheep hear the voice of their Shepherd. The Lord's Word being spoken to His children is the Church in her full earthly radiance and holiness. That same Word that activates the water of

Baptism and the bread and wine of the Supper is the Word that delivers salvation into the ears of every sheep throughout life—from fetus to dementia-burdened elderly. Faithfully preaching that Word was the fundamental task of the early apostles and is continued by their descendants in the church today, the pastors. That same Word echoes in our homes, as parents bring the Gospel message of salvation to their children, as families and spouses pray together and forgive one another in humility, and as we all bring Christ's Word of hope to our neighbors.

In stark contrast to the early church, we live in a fast-paced age and in a busy place. It's tempting for us to allow the pace and standards of here and now to creep into the church and rob us of the peaceful simplicity of the Word. Well-intentioned as they may be, how many of our efforts to produce our ideal church actually distract us from the simple preaching and teaching of the Gospel? How easily does our Martha-esque serving pull us away from hearing the voice of our Shepherd? How quickly do we criticize our church for failing to meet our personal standards, when the church is given by the Lord to be something even simpler than that?

Tension. Stress. Anxiety. Hostility. Things *we* bring to the Church by our desire for control, to have things our

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Sarah Schumacher/Tim Lieb Wedding is October 20 at 4:30 p.m.

Pastor and Amy Schumacher invite the entire congregation to the wedding of Tim Lieb and Sarah Schumacher this Friday, Oct. 20 at 4:30 p.m. While it is not possible to invite everyone to the reception that evening, Pastor and Amy would be honored for you to witness Sarah and Tim's wedding on that date. To celebrate the marriage of Tim and Sarah, Pastor and Amy do invite all the congregation to a light reception following the 11 a.m. service on November 5.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, October 15

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am—Worship w/communion
 10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion
 5:00 p.m.—Days for Girls Sewing

Monday, October 16

Tuesday, October 17

Wednesday, October 18

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

Thursday, October 19

Friday, October 20

Saturday, October 21

7:30 am—Saturday AM Men's Basketball
 10:00 am—Sunday School Teachers Meeting
 5:00 pm—Worship w/communion

Sunday, October 22

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am—Worship w/communion
 10:00 am— Bible Class/Sunday School
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion
 4:30 pm—Confirmation Mentor Night

Chancel Flowers

Chancel flowers for this weekend were placed by **Jim and Mindy Francis** in memory of Margaret Barrett.

Prayers

In Our Prayers.....

All of Our Members, especially: Harold Downs II, health issues; **Claudia Scarpine**, chemo treatments. *(please renew after four weeks).*

All of our Family Members & Friends, especially:

Laura Brault, (granddaughter of Joel/Mary Burke) testing/health issues; **Ben Blanchard**, (uncle of Beth Hahn) cancer; **Robert Markus**, (brother of Shirley Grudzien) prostate cancer; **Arthur Merrick** (uncle of Traci Downs) lung cancer; **Greg, Debbie and Beth Nelson**, (cousins of Amy Schumacher) peace/comfort after experiencing Las Vegas tragedy; **Lois Oppenheimer** (friend of the Gutzwiller family) hospitalized with infection; **Carol Rutti**, (mother of Jennifer Staffeldt) recovery from hip replacement surgery; **Marianna Saucedo**, (former student of Shelly Quinn) continued stability following treatment for brain tumor; **Mike Stache**, (former BLC member) cancer; **Merle Steva**, (brother of Denise Bruno) health issues; **Deb Strand**, (friend of Maria Simpson/Linda Gravelle) cancer diagnosis/for successful treatments; **Richard Wagner**, (husband of Betty Wagner) recovery from surgery. *(please renew after two weeks).*

Prayers of thanksgiving for **Stanley and JoAnn Kowan** (parents of Rosemary Holman) on their 55th wedding anniversary.

Prayers that the Lord be with **Peter Johnson** as he continues to serve in the Air Force. Prayers for **Shalyn Martinek** as she continues to serve in the Marines and **Matthew Hinze** and **Michael Hinze** as they continue to serve in the US Army.

<u>Stewardship</u>		
Weekly Contributions - Week of 9/10/17		
Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$16,327	\$18,750	(\$2,423)
Year to Date Contributions 07/1/17 - 9/13/2017		
Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$203,800	\$193,000	\$10,800
<u>Attendance</u>		
	Sep 2017	Sep 2016
Avg Weekly Attendance - Sep	412	404
YTD Attendance July - Sep	4,042	4,212

Kids at the Organ!

What happens back there behind the organ?!?!? Cantor Giuliani invites children and youth ages 5-18 to join him by the organ during the Divine Service! This is a great way to learn more about the King of Instruments, and to be involved during the service. Kids get to wear a robe like the rest of the liturgical assistants if they want to, and might even get to pull out one of the stops!

Reformation Hymn Fest is on Oct. 29

In addition to our Luther's Essentials Bible Study and another special Reformation event in November, we are having a Hymn Fest on Sunday, October 29 at 4 p.m.. Come hear and sing familiar hymns and special pieces composed by Jonathan Kohrs from Concordia University Chicago.

News

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 "Nominations 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 22. We encourage you to take this opportunity to help fill these important positions at Bethany.

College Parent Care Group

All college parents are invited to join us for our first packing party on October 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the board room at Bethany. If you would like your student to receive boxes, please complete a registration form and return it along with your check to the college box in the narthex by October 15. If you would like to donate items for the boxes, check the board in the narthex and return the items to the box outside the church office by October 22. Questions? Contact Michelle Grimes at 630-983-7822 or [Micgrimes@aol.com](mailto:micgrimes@aol.com).

Theology on Tap Set for October 17

Theology on Tap will meet on Tuesday, October 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (this month only) at Hopvine Brewing Co. We'll be covering pages 27-44 of Luther's Large Catechism. We hope you will join us. See Bethany's website to register.

Pictorial Directory Sign Up

Pictorial Directory photographers will be at Bethany on Wed. Oct. 18, Thurs. Oct. 19 and Sat. Oct. 21. Wed. and Thurs. times are 2 to 9 p.m. and Saturday is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are still available through Bethany's website. **We still need volunteers to assist with check-in for each photo session.**

Youth News

October 15

Jr. High Mentor Night/Reformation Theme at 4:30 p.m.

October 18

Non-day school Midweek Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 22, Oct. 29

No Youth.

November 4

Sr. High Leaf Raking Service Project 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

November 12—after 11:00 service in the Youth Room

All interested Parent & Youth (current 8th grade - High School Senior) Information meeting for 2018 Higher Things Conference - SANCTIFIED

Days for Girls Sewing—Come Sew With Us!

This month's Days for Girls Sewing Workshop is this Sunday, Oct. 15, from 5-7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Please bring your sewing machines, scissors, cutting boards, rulers, cutting wheels, iron and ironing board, or just yourself to see how you can help!

All Women Welcome to LWML Meeting

Our monthly LWML meeting is this Monday, October 16, from 9:30 - 11:30 in the Conference Room. All ladies are welcome! We begin with prayer and a devotion, collect our Mites, have a brief business meeting, discuss mission projects and events at the Zone and District levels, and participate in a Bible Study from the LWML Quarterly. Please consider coming!

What is Crafter's Paradise and What's New?

What is Crafter's Paradise? It's a one-day craft fair (Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at Bethany where crafters can exhibit and sell their "hand-crafted" items. This is the 28th year that Bethany Ladies Guild has sponsored this event. **What's New?** We will have a table where children (K-5th grade) can make an ornament while adults "shop the fair". If anyone grades 5th-12th would like to help at this table for service hours, please contact us. at cparadiseblg@gmail.com or call 630-961-0628 by November 3 to make arrangements.

CareNet's Diaper Derby Continues Thru 10/22

We are collecting wipes and diapers only (sizes newborn to 3) this year. Items can be dropped off in the pack 'n play in the narthex through October 22. CareNet supports 3 area baby banks including the Bridges parenting program. Thanks for your support!

Annual CareNet Banquet

Join us on October 26 at 5:45 p.m. at Drury Lane Oak Brook to hear keynote speaker Dr. Jim Garlow, pastor, author and voice of the national radio feature "The Garlow Perspective". Bethany is sponsoring a table of 12 and we would love to fill it this year. The banquet includes dinner and is complimentary; adults only please. Contact Kierste Schafer at kiersteschafer@gmail.com for more information or contact CareNet directly at <http://carenetdupage.com/>.

Need Help Raking Your Leaves?

If you're over 65 years old and need assistance raking your leaves, our Sr. High Youth will be offering this service Saturday, November 4. If you would like to sign up or have any questions, please contact Michelle Holtan at 630-788-9193. Scheduling will be on a first come first serve basis and we will get to as many houses as possible.

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way, or make her bigger, better, more attractive, or more effective. All the while, the seven-year-old can confess that the Church is where the little sheep hear the voice of their shepherd. We tend to complicate that, and like Martha, we grow “anxious and worried about many things.” Why must we bring tension and anxiety where the Lord would have peace and comfort?

God be praised that our Lord patiently endures our scrambling and distractions, even working faith and salvation in us despite our overcomplications. May He ever deal with us in mercy, setting us before one another with the same mercy and patience that He has shown us. And may He bring us peace and contentment, as unworthy sheep hearing the simplicity of His voice.

Invite your Friends and Neighbors! To our Trunks and Treats Event!

Bethany’s Trunks and Treats is open to everyone so bring your kids, grandkids and neighbors! The fun takes place on Saturday, October 28 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the north parking lot. Look for the decorated cars and treats for all the kids Trick or treating begins at 1:15 and the costume parade is at 1:45 p.m. For details, contact Jamie at jrogoz@bethanylcs.org.



Voters Board

Paul Calhoun, Chairman
 Richard Tatara Tim Gavin Scott Collins
 Tim Benecke Mike Walsh Pat Bowman
 Pastor Clemmer Pastor Schumacher Neal Kaspar

Our Sunday School Teachers

PreK – Kindergarten.....Nicole Kaim
 1/2 grades.....Traci Downs
 3/4 grades.....Sue Sreniawski
 5/6 grades.....Kimberly Burnell
 7/8 grades.....Matt Krock, Braden Timmons

Readings for October 22

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

Bible Studies at Bethany

Our Feature Bible Study in the Gym

Our feature Bible Class for fall is called “*Luther’s Essentials...Insights into the Christian Faith* by Dr. Martin Luther” and meets on Sundays at 10 a.m. in the gym. This Bible study is taught by Pastor Schumacher.

Adult Instruction Class

If you’re interested in joining Bethany or learning more about the Lutheran faith contact Pastor Schumacher at sschumacher@bethanylcs.org or Pastor Clemmer at scllemmer@bethanylcs.org or call 630-355-2198. New Member Classes are taught in conjunction with the *Luther’s Essentials* class in the gym.

Sunday School

All classes meet each week at 10 a.m. in our school wing and grade levels are marked on the doorways.

Ladies Wednesday Morning LifeLight

The Ladies LifeLight Bible Study is studying the LifeLight Foundations study of Prophecy. Prophecy examines Old Testament promises and the fulfillment of those promises in the New Testament, the School of Prophets, the end of the world, and much more. All women are welcome to join us for this in-depth Bible study on Wednesday mornings, 9 to 11 a.m. in the boardroom. Lifelight books are available in the church office. Contact Karen Perry (630-904-1043 or ksperry62@gmail.com) with any questions.

Evening Lifelight

The Thursday Evening Lifelight Bible Study meets with Pastor at church one week and in a home the next. We are studying the book of Genesis. 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. Please note—we will next meet November 4.

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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.

The deadline for the October 22 Herald is Tuesday, October 17.