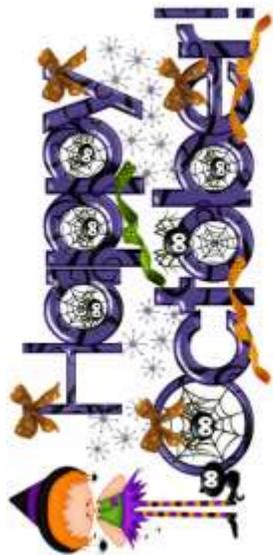


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**October 2018**



# The Bethania Blade

“As a called people of God and as members of Bethania,  
we will grow in our faith and share it with others”

### The President's Corner

From the President:

There are many days I look forward to each year at Bethania. Christmas Eve Services, Rally Sunday with the Hims of Harmony, LACE Scholarship Sunday, Reformation Sunday, and of course, Aebleskiver Sunday come to mind immediately. There is one other Sunday that has for many years been among my favorites at Bethania, and that is the Sunday we have our Pet Blessing.

Who wouldn't love it? Sharing the pews with some of our four legged friends has been entertaining. I marvel at looking over the pew a few rows in front of me to see the small floppy ears of "Mr. Cooper" and to hear the occasional yawn come from his chest as the service progresses is priceless. Or watching the intense concentration of Karl and Mary's spaniel on a tennis ball is awe inspiring. Having cats and dogs be part of a service that normally is confined to people just begs to generate memorable experiences.

I wasn't too sure about Pet Blessings when we started having them. If I could bring a pet without too much trouble, that would be fine. But then one year, that all changed. Our family had a small black and white smooth hair fox terrier. We had welcomed her into the family from a breeder we had learned of through the vet. The first night we were able to call the breeder and not get an answering machine was interesting. We asked if there would be any dogs available soon and learned that the breeder was actually helping deliver a batch of puppies as we spoke. A litter of six were the newest members of the kennel and three males were already spoken for.

Our pup was the only female of a litter of six. She was also the smallest and would have a bit of a challenge working with five rambunctious males in those first few weeks. We weren't able to add her to our family until she was 9-10 weeks old and it was like waiting for Christmas until we could get her.

*( the continuation of the president's corner )*

This was all happening before our two sons. The dog quickly became the baby of our little family. She would get shown off to other family members. She also received many hours of training from my wife, Shelly, to be housebroken. For my contribution, I taught her a trick or two but never as many tricks as I wanted.

Then our sons came and she had to adjust a bit. Her time with mom and dad was getting cut, but she definitely developed a sense of protectiveness over the new members of the family. If she was in the room when the baby was crying, that would hurt her ears and make her howl in a high soprano tone. Even suffering from the cry of a baby, she would still be very protective of them. After all, we were a family. Man, woman, baby, cat and dog, we were a family.

Years later, one Saturday evening, our family was hosting three other **church families for dinner**. “**Tables of Eight**” was what we called, it where each family took turns to host the entire group and in several weeks you would know a great deal more about each other. Our dog was no longer a pup but a gracefully aged pet getting into her more mature years. She was still very active and muscular. She still hadn't learned the finer parts of walking and was strong enough to pull at your **arm for most of the trip around the neighborhood**. The Borgardt's were there and my family had been so impressed by their dog, Riley. We wanted to show our terrier off and she did not disappoint during the gathering showing off a few tricks and being friendly with the guests.

The next morning was very different. She was awake but could not stand. Her efforts to get up would result in a crash back down onto the floor where she would lay struggling to right herself back up. Panic struck the family. It was not apparent what was the matter. She remained very strong. Holding her in your arms, she could still thrash about with her back and legs making it difficult to hold on. Strength was not the issue, she was still very strong. The problem appeared to be more with balance. But what to do about it? It was Sunday morning so the regular veterinary was not available. Our last experience with the **emergency vet wasn't making us excited about going there**. We resolved to keep her comfortable and go to the regular vet first thing Monday

## Thanksgiving Baskets



It's that time of year again, there's a chill in the air in the morning and we hear the crunch of leaves under our feet as we take a walk. Thanksgiving will be here before we know it so it's time to begin bringing in items for our annual Thanksgiving Basket event to help families in need. Starting October 14<sup>th</sup> please consider helping provide food items. There will be a green barrel in the Hearth room where they may be placed.

Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> canned vegetables  
Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> canned fruit  
Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> canned gravy

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Mac' N cheese  
Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Peanut & Jelly  
Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> box of instant potatoes  
or 5# bag of potatoes

We will also be accepting monetary donations that will be used to purchase grocery store gift cards which will be attached to each basket. Thank you in advance for continuing to make Thanksgiving special for families who are less fortunate. If anyone knows of a family that could benefit from a Thanksgiving Basket, please make Pastor Heather or myself aware.

Jacci Young



*HELP SUPPORT HOLY  
COMMUNION'S  
FOOD PANTRY BY  
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October 7 - Spaghetti Sauce

Then, We will be doing  
Thanksgiving Baskets  
from October 12 to Novem-



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Website: [www.bethanialutheran.org](http://www.bethanialutheran.org)  
Office Hours: Monday thru Friday –  
2:30 to 5:30 p.m

*(Please note: There may not be a car in the parking  
lot but the office is open.)*

Reverend Heather Bumstead, Pastor  
Cathi Webster, Administrative Assistant  
Mike Imhoff, Custodian  
Willy Mueller, Church musician

### COUNCIL

Jeff Alderson, President	Kelly Imhoff, Vice President
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To Pastor Heather Bumstead and family on the loss  
of her father, James Hayes Bumstead who passed  
away on September 8th, 2018 in New York .



## OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS

October 7, 2018			
Worship Assistant	Vicki Thiery	Acolyte	Calaway Alderson
Communion Assistant	Jacci Young	Communion Bread	Sharon Leger
Lector	Deb Borgardt	Flowers	Irma Anderson
Ushers	Brad Larsen & Jim Leger	Coffee Hour 	Anne Woodward

October 14, 2018			
Worship Assistant	Kristi Mueller	Acolyte	Logan Schoff
Communion Assistant	Brad Larsen	Communion Bread	(wafer)
Lector	Kristi Mueller	Flowers	
Ushers	Lorelei Goodman	Coffee Hour 	Altar Guild

October 21, 2018			
Worship Assistant	Brad Larsen	Acolyte	Dakota Kechter
Communion Assistant	Kristi Mueller	Communion Bread	Kristi Mueller
Lector	Vicki Thiery	Flowers	Brad Larsen
Ushers	Borgardt Family	Coffee Hour 	A Volunteer

October 28, 2018			
Worship Assistant	Vicki Thiery	Acolyte	Natalie Shawhan
Communion		Communion Bread	(wafer)
Lector	Natalie Shawhan	Flowers	Webster
Ushers	Brad Larsen & Jim Leger	Coffee Hour 	Confirmation

## James Hayes Bumstead 1934-2018

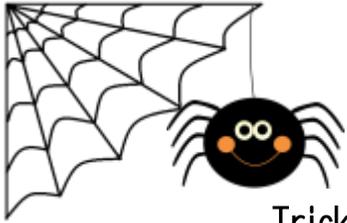
Most of you are aware that my Dad, Jim Bumstead, entered eternity in September after a challenging year or more for his health.

I want to thank all of you for taking my Dad into your hearts. Although he lived far away in New York, he delighted in your news in The Blade. He and I both deeply appreciated your prayers for him.

Personally, I want to express my deep gratitude and appreciation for your support and understanding. I've spent a lot of time physically and mentally in New York these last few months and you have been wonderful about it. Your prayerful support has made a true difference, and the flowers sent by the congregation to his service honored him and gave me both support and comfort.

Thank you, and Bless you,

Pastor Heather



## Trick-or-Treat Event:

It's already October which means All Hallow's Eve (aka Hallowe'en) is coming! Once again, Bethania will host a Trick-or-Treat event! We have a fire and treats at BOTH Wright Ave. doors for the neighbor and community kids. Inside, in the Hearth Room, we have hot cider and cocoa, treats, food, and fellowship.

It's a lot of fun and a great way to celebrate being a part of this neighborhood. Please consider joining us. No costume required (but costumes are certainly welcome... you can even put on a "quick costume" from Pastor's costume suitcase. It has many things from a Sherlock Holmes hat and pipe to a "cat ear" headband.)

Candy Donations for the event are now being accepted on the table in Pastor's office.



## October Readings



October 7, 2018	20th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading	<i>Genesis 2:18-24</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 8</i>
Second Reading	<i>Hebrews 1: 1-3, 2: 5-12</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 10: 2-16</i>
October 14, 2018	21st Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading	<i>Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 90:12-17</i>
Second Reading	<i>Hebrews 4:12-16</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 10:17-31</i>
October 21, 2018	22nd Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading	<i>Isaiah 53:4-12</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 91-9-16</i>
Second Reading	<i>Hebrews 5:1-10</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 10: 35-45</i>
October 28, 2018	Reformation
First Reading	<i>Jeremiah 31:31-34</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 46</i>
Second Reading	<i>Romans 3:19-28</i>
Gospel	<i>John 8:31-36</i>



Ryan & Beth Brown will be celebrating 14 years of marriage on October 9th.

Doug & Ceiletia Gardner will be celebrating 15 years of marriage on October 10th.

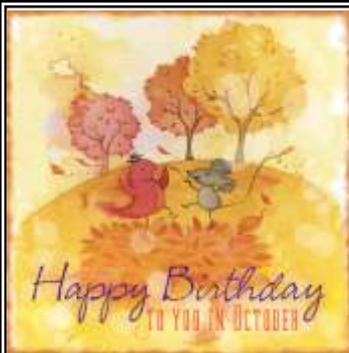
Tom & Vicki Thiery will be celebrating 26 years of marriage on October 12th.

Richard & Molly Imhoff will be celebrating 13 years of marriage on October 29th.

Congratulations!



*(Please let us know if there are any changes or missed birthdays or anniversaries. Thank You!)*



10/01-Seth Hultman  
10/01 - Jorn Loschenkohl  
10/09 -Jean Dragan

10/01 -Daven Gardner  
10/12 -Meagan Borgardt  
10/12 -Ashley Borgardt  
10/12 -Eli Imhoff  
10/13-Marilyn Petersen  
10/15-Megan Hultman  
10/16 - Nicole Borgardt  
10/17 - Micheal Coey  
10/18-Andrew Drasen  
10/20-Carla Schober  
10/21-Richard Imhoff



If you have anyone you would like to have added to the prayer chain please contact Mary Lou Miller at 634-2557 or by email: [lmiller351@wi.rr.com](mailto:lmiller351@wi.rr.com)



Heather Joshi  
James Bumstead  
Helene Wasik  
Jason Kechter  
Mike (Penny's Cousin)  
Borghil (Anita's Cousin)  
Betty Hedstrom  
Leo Landon  
Austin Imhoff  
Kara Baylor  
Michael & Sandy Tennant  
Geri, Ashley, Elsie

Jim Mueller  
Jim Thornton  
Karen Luxem  
Grete & Jorn Loschenkohl  
Gary & Leslie Heggeland  
Leo & Mary Lou Miller  
Mary Nelson  
Dave (Mikes BIL)  
Callie Mowad  
Dennis & Jean Dragan  
Mike Hennis  
Pastor Heather



We're More International Than We Thought!

“Thank You” to all the members who have (and are going to) sent postcards from their travels to the church! We enjoy the cards and keeping up with your travels. Who knew we were so international? This year we've gotten cards from Denmark (2), Australia, Pakistan, and Canada!

It's fun to “travel” with you... so keep them coming!



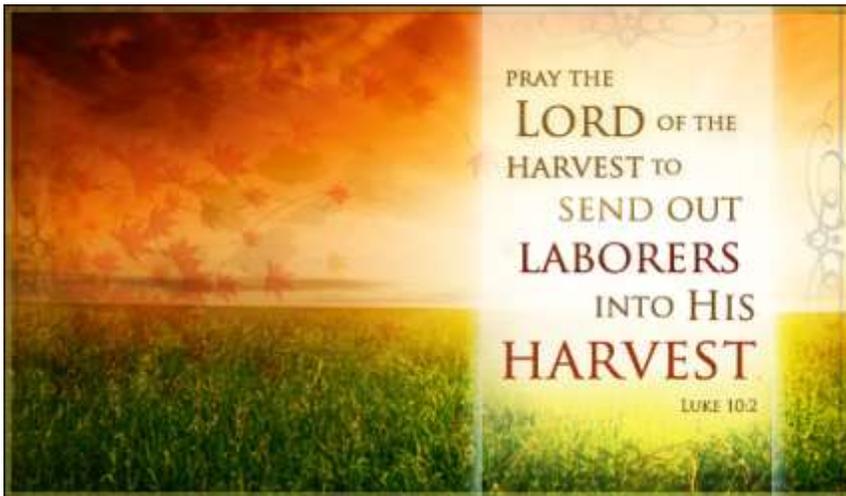
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Remember AAL (Aid Association for Lutherans) and Lutheran Brotherhood? You can probably still find a few of those white “AAL” pencils with the red circle logo floating around Lutheran congregations. You probably know that those benevolent associations became Thrivent Financial for Lutherans a while back.

Of course, since they provide financial services, we sometimes contemplate a visit from a Thrivent representative the same way we would one from a used car salesman... “Oh no, they’ll surely try to sell me something!” Not exactly.

Thrivent does offer financial services... as a non-profit. They are folks who actually mean it when they talk about “financial solutions.” But, more importantly, they literally put their money where their mouth is. Each Thrivent member (a member is someone who has an investment with Thrivent) is given an “action team” every year for church or community service.

So, if you have questions, you’ll have an opportunity to talk to a Thrivent Representative, Shelly Kuroski, on Sunday, October 7. If not, don’t worry... she won’t try to sell you a car!

The Fall of Freddie the Leaf –A Story for all Ages  
by Leo Buscaglia, PhD. : This story by Leo Buscaglia is a warm, wonderfully wise and strikingly simple story about a leaf names Freddie. How Freddie and his companion leaves change with the passing seasons, finally falling to the ground with winter's snow, is an inspiring allegory illustrating the delicate balance between life and death. *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf* is a warm and thought-provoking story and both children and adults will be deeply touched by this inspiring book. This 20th anniversary edition of this beloved classic has helped thousands of people come to grips with life and death.

*These books can be found on the Library  
table in the hearth room.*

*Please feel free to check them out.*

### Godspeed, Restoration Church!

**When Our Savior’s Lutheran merged with Atonement to become Living Faith, the Our Savior’s property was sold and a small Spanish-Language evangelical congregation, Iglesia Restoracion (Restoration Church) was rendered homeless because they couldn’t find a decent place to rent for the amount they had been paying. Their plight was brought to Bethania’s attention and, as you know, we offered to share space with them.**

You may not know that they were recently given the generous gift of a house in the Georgetown area. They spent some time fixing it up and have now been able to move there. We wish them well and Godspeed as they enjoy their very own church “home”.



## BOOK REVIEWS:

Murder on the Titanic—A Novel  
by Jim Walker: In a tale that blends history and mystery with unrequited love aboard the unsinkable ship, Morgan Fairfield is charged with delivering top secret documents to the American War

Department. Morgan Fairchild, named for his great uncle J. Pierpont Morgan, is the main character. Born to wealth, he is determined to make his own way and is responsible almost to a fault. His strong sense of honor has cost him the love of his life, now engaged to another man...awkwardly, they are all on the Titanic at the same time. The characterization is phenomenal and the story riveting.

I TELL YOU A MYSTERY- Life Death and Eternity by Johann Christoph Arnold: This best-selling volume addresses fears every human faces - vulnerability, illness, aging, and dying. Yet at its core this book is more about living than dying. Arnold says living for a cause greater than ourselves enables us to face eternity with the strength that comes from faith. Drawing on stories of people he has known and counseled as pastor, relative, or friend, Arnold shows how suffering can be given meaning, and despair overcome. He offers the assurance that even today, in our culture of isolation and death, there is hope. As you read, you'll meet individuals who lived life to the fullest by serving others.



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## Kidz Kampfire

Monday October 29

6:30 p.m. to 8:00  
p.m.

Crisp autumn weather is here and, along with it, comes one of our most enjoyable events: Kidz Kampfire! Lead by our very own Boy Scout Troop 242, the Kampfire features hot dogs grilled over the fire by kids with scout help and everyone's favorite campfire treats: toasted marshmallows and S'mores! The scouts also lead Games and Songs and perform delightfully corny skits. You're encouraged to gather up a kid in your life (child, grandchild, niece, nephew, close neighbor...) and come on along. All are welcome... even if you're not a kid. Please let Cathi know if you're likely to come so we know how much food to get. See you there!

*( the continuation of the president's corner )*

morning. Then my wife reminded me that there was the Pet Blessing at Bethania that day. Well she is going to that! I announced very firmly.

Honestly, the thought was crossing my mind that this may be her last chance to be blessed. It was very emotional for the whole family to be at the Pet Blessing that day. By the time it started, she was doing a bit better but still could not stand. She really wanted to be social with Shirley Woodward's dog. You know where the dogs share sniffs and then rub snouts one over the other to determine who is dominant. Our little dog wiggled and strained to try to get away and interact but knowing she would not be able to stand, I didn't let her go. She was blessed without a dry eye in our family and then we returned home.

As the evening went by, there were signs she was getting better. Righting herself on her belly was getting easier. By the next morning she could stand. It was our Pet Blessing miracle in way. I later shared with Pastor that it felt like miracle at the time. The vet visit wasn't put off. We still hurried her in on Monday morning trying to find out what was the matter. We asked the vet if it was a stroke and she was recovering. The vet informed us that dogs don't have strokes since they have multiple blood sources to the brain. What had hit her was a disease that attacked her balance mechanisms in the ears. She would come back out of it and return to doing much of what she had before being stricken but the recovery would not be complete. It played out that way. She was an active member of our little family for the next several years.

So why do I look forward to the Pet Blessings? It's not because I think I will see a miracle like the small story I shared. It's seeing the unconditional love that is present at the blessing. Yes, the pets are always showing unconditional love to their owners. I take more away from watching the owner's and the love they have for their pets. With some people, you will see a totally different side as they stand there with their pet patiently waiting for the blessing to be completed. Someone who may be a bit quiet or a difficult person to get to know, will be nurturing and talkative with their dog under their arm. The Pet Blessing is one more opportunity for the members of Bethania to share. We not only share our pets, but share in our love for our pets. We share in one more thing as a group that is very

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Come welcome old friends and new as they officially become a part of our Bethania Family on Sunday October 7!



Sunday, October 28, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Come celebrate as our young people make their Affirmation of Baptism (a.k.a. Confirmation) on Sunday, October 28.



Please Mark Your Calendars! Troop 242 will be having an Aebleskiver Fundraiser on Sunday, November 11th



2018 at Bethania. Tickets go on sale October 15.

**Everyone Knows A Little Danish...**

If you are a part of the Bethania Family you know at least two Danish words: "Bethania" (Danish for "Bethany") and "AEbleskiver". Although it doesn't mean "Danish Donut Hole" it does mean "yum"!\*

Our own Boy Scout Troop 242 will be hosting an AEbleskiver brunch fundraiser on Sunday, November 11th, so mark your calendars!!

\*Okay, "AEbleskiver" isn't Danish for "yum". It means "apple slice" because, at one time, a sliver of apple was inserted into the freshly cooked pastry.

important to each of us individually. (the continuation of the president's corner)  
It builds a greater sense of family among our members that is more real than just sharing a funny pet story in the hallway. I look forward to seeing all those I love on October 14, 2018 at Bethania's Pet Blessing. And it doesn't matter how many legs you have, I love you all.

Your Obedient Servant in Christ:

Jeff Alderson



Paisley Bumstead will be in worship on **Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** along with other pets and a few beloved stuffed animals. Pet Blessing will take place on the Orchard St. lawn (or Fellowship Hall if it's rainy) at 11:00 on the 14<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. Kids can bring favorite plush animals for a blessing, as well. If you desire a blessing for your pet but it would be too stressful to bring him or her, bring a photo, collar, favorite toy or other item and we will use that as we ask a blessing for that pet.



# October 2018



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