

Place Stamps
here



October 2019

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”

I've noticed over the last few years that, when it comes to the weather, Wisconsin loves a good “fake out.” Take this September for instance. The calendar turned to an autumnal month; a little way into the month the air got crisp and temperatures dropped. “Ah,” some of us said to ourselves, “Fall is beginning!” We pulled out our sweaters and jackets. A few of us contemplated the closet “switch-over.” Then, BAM, temperatures soared right back up and humidity descended. Fall? Nah. Felt more like August. Something similar happened (in reverse) last Spring. I feel as though Wisconsin is thinking, “I’ll just let them think the season has changed.” As soon as enough of us do, Wisconsin goes “GOTCHA!” and switches back.

Given how quickly the effects of global warming are accelerating (with so many devastating weather events that are “The worst, ever” each year) the simple thing would be to blame that troubling phenomenon. Wisconsin, however, is the home of legendary weather. When I moved here 20 years ago I was regaled with tales of crazy and extreme weather... so maybe this is Wisconsin’s way of standing out now that everyone gets extreme weather.

I don't know. But I do know this: in life we often expect one thing and receive another. Things don't turn out the way we planned; the rug gets pulled out from under us; or what we find at the end of the road trip

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isn't what we thought would be there. Sooner or later life will surprise you.

Likewise, Jesus wasn't what anyone was expecting. Hindsight is 20/20 so, looking back after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection we can find the Hebrew scriptures of the Old testament do talk about the kind of Messiah Jesus was. They speak of a virgin conceiving and bearing a Son and of the Suffering Servant who must undergo great trials before entering his glory.

But, In all fairness, we need to understand that what everyone thought or knew about a Messiah in Jesus' time was completely contrary to the savior he turned out to be. Everything people thought scripture said, every thing they knew and taught and learned, AND everything they were going through (with the harsh occupation of the Holy Land by the Romans) naturally lead the Jewish People to one conclusion: the Messiah would be the leader of a rebellion which would defeat and banish the Romans. Then this leader would take the throne of David as king and re-establish Israel as a holy kingdom.

When everyone shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David" and "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" upon Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem, the disciples weren't the only ones thinking "Finally! This is it!" But, when Jesus was arrested, tortured and crucified to death, the disciples weren't only grief struck, they were frightened and confused. This was NOT what was supposed to happen! This was NOT how it was supposed to go, and certainly NOT how it was supposed to end! Everything had gone terribly wrong and all they had hoped, prayed, and worked for seemed to have been cruelly switched around. Their devastation must have



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 13th please consider helping provide food items. There will be a green barrel in the Hearth room where they may be placed.

Oct. 13th canned vegetables
Oct. 20th canned fruit
Oct. 27th canned gravy

Nov. 3rd Mac' N cheese
Nov. 10th Peanut & Jelly
Nov. 17th 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





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(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
Willy Mueller, Church musician
Cassandra Steffens, Custodian
Mike Imhoff, Maintenance

COUNCIL

Jeff Alderson, President	Kelly Imhoff, Vice President
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John Barnes	Caitlin Webster



Dear L.A.C.E. Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for choosing me to receive the LACE Scholarship this year. It is truly a blessing that will help so much as I pursue my dream of being a nurse. Thank you again.

God's Blessings,

Brittaney Bertermann

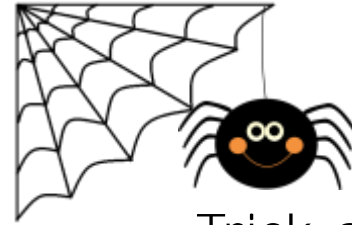
Dear fellow Bethanians,

Thank you so much for the prayers, the cards and the flowers. They meant a lot to me.

~ Bettie Liston



	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Worship Assistant	(OPEN)	Robin Barnes	Brad Larsen	Vicki Thiery
Comm. Assistant	(OPEN)	Jacci Young	(OPEN)	(OPEN)
Lector	Anne Woodward	John Barnes	(OPEN)	Vicki Thiery
Ushers	(OPEN)	Brad Larsen & Jim Leger	Caitlin Webster & Lorelei Goodman	(OPEN)
Acolytes	Jana Brown	Natalie Shawhan	Olivia Imhoff	Ryan Hagerman
Coffee Hour	Anne Woodward	Altar Guild	Anita Nielsen & Lorelei Goodman	Bethania/ Confirmation
Communion Bread	Sharon Leger	(wafer)	Anne Woodward	(wafer)



Trick-or-Treat Event:

It's already October which means All Hallow's Eve (aka Hal-lowe'en) is coming on Thursday October 31st!! 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.



First Wednesday Gathering

Please join us on Wednesday, November 6 at 3:00 p.m. There will be coffee, tea and treats as well as songs, prayers and a "sermon" conversation. EVERYONE is WELCOME.






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

Were You There?

Date	Attendance	Giving
September 1, 2019	32	\$1,923.00
September 8, 2019	31	\$2,683.00
September 15, 2019	48	\$1,013.00
September 22, 2019	38	\$2,640.12
September 29, 2019	24	\$1,731.00



Joys and Concerns

Heather Joshi, Jim Mueller, Dan Cruz, Grete & Jorn Loschenkohl, Leslie Heggeland, Helene Wasik, Leo & Mary Lou Miller, Mary Nelson, Candy Small, Joan Vallin, , Mom & Pop Imhoff, Sharon, Pop Pop, Sam Micklesen, Betty Hedstrom, Bettie Liston, Karen Fernandez, Grete Hansen, David & Louise Koenig, Ed (Willy's Uncle), Kevin & Margaret Webster



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

Doug & Ceiletia Gardner will be celebrating 16 years of marriage on October 10th.

Tom & Vicki Thiery will be celebrating 27 years of marriage on October 12th.

Richard & Molly Imhoff will be celebrating 14 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

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.

**Change Your
Clocks Back &
Smoke Alarm
Batteries
On November 3**





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.



Care and Concern List:

Please consider sending a note of encouragement to someone on this list. These are people who are dealing with challenges of health, mobility, or other things in their lives.

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Racine, WI 53405

Florence Dupuis
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Carolyn Luetzgen
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Joan Vallin
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Racine WI 53405

Tom Nielsen
2000 Washington Avenue
Apt. 202
Racine, WI 53405



"Why the Danish Settled in Racine"

Monday November 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

in the Sanctuary. Watch for more information as the day approaches. We will need a few hosts for the event. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the hearth room.

A graphic for Church Work Day featuring a red scroll with a black handle on the left and a colorful autumn leaf on the right. The text on the scroll reads "CHURCH WORK DAY" in large white letters, followed by "Saturday October 12, 2019 at 9:00" in smaller white letters.

CHURCH WORK DAY
Saturday October 12, 2019 at 9:00

A Sign up sheet with jobs will be in the Narthex next week. Please plan to give us a hand.

Fall FAMILY Kampfire

Monday October 28

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: Fall Family Kampfire! Lead by our very own Boy Scout Troop 242, the Kampfire features hot dogs grilled over the fire and everyone's favorite campfire treats: toasted marshmallows and S'mores! The scouts also lead Games and Songs and perform delightfully corny skits. All are welcome. Please let Cathi know if you're likely to come so we know how much food to get. See you there!

A graphic for Confirmation featuring a circular logo on the left with a flame and a cross. The text on the right reads "Please join us for Confirmation of Dakota R. Kechter" in a large, stylized font, followed by "Sunday, October 27, 2019 9:00 a.m." and "Reception following in the Hearth Room" in a smaller font.

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Please Mark Your Calendars! Troop 242 will be having an Aebleskiver Fundraiser on Sunday, November 17th, 2019 at Bethania. Tickets go on sale October 20.



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been beyond words.

Being born nearly 2000 years after the event, we have more than 20/20 vision. We know something they did not. **God's plans were much bigger and much better than they ever dreamed.** Instead of just saving their nation and their religion, **God decided to save us all.** God wasn't much interested in thrones and crowns, he was interested in forging a lasting connection and relationship with us. He was interested in extending grace and forgiveness to us. As Jesus, himself, said, **"I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly."** (John 10:10b)

Abundant life: a life with hope, and grace, and faith, and meaning, and connection, and love... True life, not merely as a citizen of a Holy earthy nation, but as one of the Heavenly Kingdom... that was what God was up to. But, in their moment of despair, the disciples had no idea.

As I said, in life things sometimes turn out much differently than we expect. When "different" doesn't seem like a good thing, it may be helpful to remember how the disciples felt when everything seemed to go very, very wrong for them... They probably couldn't have imagined anything worse, but turned out God was doing the biggest and best thing God ever did. God is always working in each one of our lives. And, no matter how things turn out, God is always there to support us!

Blessings,

Pastor Heather

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**Saturday
 October 12th
 3:30 – 7:00**

Flame-grilled Pork Chops
 Baked Potatoes
 Baked Beans – Cole Slaw
 Chunky Applesauce
 Roll and Butter
 Coffee and Lemonade
 Desserts

Fall Pork Chop Dinner
 DINE IN OR CARRY OUT

1 pork Chop Dinner \$13
 2 Pork Chop Dinner \$15
 4 Chops ONLY Package \$15
 Reservations appreciated



OCTOBER 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 <i>7:00 p.m. Troop 2242 & Crew 242, -FH, & Dorcas Room</i>	2 11a.m.-1:30 p.m. TxT OPEN 6:00 to 7:30 p TXT OPEN	3 10—Noon ADRC Alz Support, hearth rm 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout troop 9351	4 8:00 - 10:30 a.m. RUSD 6:00 pm Racine Kenosha Deaf Group Meeting, fh 7:00 p.m. Vida Racine	5
6 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hr. 11:00 Pet Blessing 7:00 p.m. Vida Racine Worship & Education	7 8:00 a.m. —3:00 p.m. —RUSD 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, fh 6:30 Thread by Thread	8 <i>6-7:30 p.m. GS troop 31524</i> 7:00 p.m. Troop 2242 & Crew 242, -Youth Room & Dorcas Room 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	9	10 6:00 —7:30 p.m. ADRC Alzheimer Support Grp., hearth room	11 NO. RUSD 7:00 p.m. Vida Racine Worship & Education	12 9:00 am - Noon— ADK Sorority Mtg, Hearth Room 9:00 a.m. Fall Clean Up
13 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour Noon—3 p.m. Cooperative Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Vida Racine Worship & Education	14 8:00 a.m. —3:00 p.m. —RUSD 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, fh 6:30 Thread by Thread	15 7:00 p.m. Troop 2242 & Crew 242, -FH, & Dorcas Room	16 11a.m.-1:30 p.m. TxT OPEN 6:00 to 7:30 p TXT OPEN	17 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout troop 9351	18 8:00 a.m. —10:30 p.m. RUSD 7:00 p.m. Vida Racine Worship & Education	19
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