



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"

March/April 2021

Grace and peace to all members of Bethania Lutheran Church. 2020. That's all I want to say. It is behind us now and Bethania, needs to look to 2021 and take actions to re-establish our church as it once was before COVID. We also need to take action to improve Bethania in 2021. The Council navigated 2020 constantly reacting to each blow COVID landed on our church. Bethania has remained closed to in-person worship since March 2020 in line with Synod guidance. Twice, I thought Bethania would return to in-person worship. Each time, a COVID surge prevented that from happening. So this begs the question, is God testing us? If He is, I am not certain I want to see my report card. I personally have been spending too much time waiting, complaining, and letting frustration build over things I cannot do. For that, I apologize to the congregation.

In the past weeks, I have realized more and more that I should not have let closing the church doors translate to closing myself from the Congregation. Currently, Bethania is seeking Emergency Powers Ballots. Since I have mentioned the Ballots, please turn yours in if you have not already. In determining who needed follow up for their ballots, I read names that seemed like strangers. Some, I had to picture their faces to remember when I last saw them. I should not have let COVID distance me from my church family.

This year's President's Report I will focus at what Bethania should be doing in 2021. The Congregations should focus on reaching out to each other to resume relationships that have been interrupted by COVID. Call members, send cards, or even arrange a visit. The Congregation should watch for things to do at Church and respond to calls for help. We are close to reopening. Cleaning and assisting services will be needed. And the Congregation needs to act on what it can now. The church is struggling financially at present and needs help. Please don't wait until we are back in person to catch up on your giving. Donations find their way to the same place in the mail or in the collection plate.

I want to sincerely thank my fellow Council members who served faithfully this past year: Ed Young, Kelly Imhoff, Brad Larsen, Shelly Alderson, Cathi Webster, Caitlin Webster, and John

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Barnes. Cathi Webster in particular I want to thank. She has been the glue to hold Bethania together. Often, she is the only one in the office and is fixing issues that arise or steering issues to those who can fix them. Thank God for Cathi.

I also wish to thank Willy Mueller and Pastor Heather for their leading us in virtual worship this last year. We continue to be truly blessed to have both Willy and Pastor Heather. Pastor Heather has been doing all this on furlough. I know I have described this before but I think it needs to be reported again. Pastor Heather graciously offered to Bethania to have herself be placed on furlough cutting church expenses. As a furloughed pastor, her responsibilities are similar to that of a Supply Pastor. Please remember that as you see her courageously continue to lead Bethania in worship.

Your obedient servant in Christ,

Jeffrey L. Alderson



The Schoff family on Jessica and Noah's wedding day—July 18, 2020.



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.

Florence Dupuis
5321 Douglas Avenue
Apt. 1334
Racine, WI 53402

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

Betty Hedstrom
8455 Gittings Road
Mt. Pleasant, WI 53406

Joyce Thomsen
2935 Old Mill Drive
Racine, WI 53405

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Joan Vallin
1400 Russet Street
Racine WI 53405

Carolyn Luetgen
5321 Douglas Avenue
Apt. 1335
Racine, WI 53402

Heather Joshi
c/o Bonnie Jensen
1513 Russet Street
Racine, WI 53405



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

Prayer List



Heather Joshi,
Jim Mueller,
Dan Cruz,
Grete Loschenkohl,
Leo & Mary Lou Miller,
Candy Small,
Joan Vallin,
Betty Hedstrom,
Hansine Jorgensen,

WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAYS!

(OR ANYTIME)

9:00 a.m. - live on our Facebook page.

11:00 a.m. - on our YouTube channel BethaniaRacine



2021 Lenten Worship Schedule

Wednesday March 3, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday March 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday March 24, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021 at 9 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 at 9 a.m.

These services will be online - available on our facebook page and our YouTube channel.



DID YOU KNOW...

The Daffodil (Narcissus) is also known as Lent Lily because it blooms in early spring and the blooms usually drop before Easter.

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Website: www.bethanialutheran.org
Office Hours: None during pandemic

(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
, Custodian
Mike Imhoff, Maintenance

COUNCIL

Jeff Alderson, President
Kelly Imhoff, Vice President
Cathi Webster, Secretary
Ed Young, Treasurer
Shelly Alderson
Caitlin Webster
Brad Larsen, Property
John Barnes

Date	In Person	Face-book	You Tube	Giving
Jan 3, 2021	2	103	11	\$719.00
Jan 10, 2021	2	109	12	\$633.00
Jan 17, 2021	2	92	9	—
Jan 24, 2021	2	92	10	—
Jan 31, 2021	2	54	4	\$1282.00

Date	In Person	Face-book	You Tube	Giving
Feb 07, 2021	2	68	10	\$2882.00
Feb 14, 2021	2	53	10	—
Feb 21, 2021	2	54	10	\$965.00
Feb 28, 2021	2	52	10	—

What You Have To Offer...



If you are still able to make your regular offerings to Bethania, they are certainly needed at this time. You may mail them (4120 Wright Ave, 53405). Thank you for doing this. If you are unable to contribute at this time, we certainly understand.



3/2 -Vicki McGaughey
3/5 - Caitlin Webster
3/8 - Austin Kechter
3/15 -Vicki Thiery
3/17 - Jordan Kechter
3/20 - Constance Thorn
3/21 - Jacob Imhoff
3/22 - Tyler Rybarik
3/25 - Alyssa Munch
3/26 - Walter Madsen

April 1-Tom Nielsen
April 4 -Lily Weaseman
April 6 –Luke Hagerman
April 7 –Gilbert Jensen
April 12– Irma Anderson
April 17 –Jessica Schoff
April 18 –Jeanne Kutka
April 21 - Dominic Shawhan
April 30 –Tyrion Steffens

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



Irma Andersen
with Deb
Hartfield on
Ash Wednes-
day February
17 2021

WAYS TO HELP

2021 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up on Monday between 9 & 11 and Wednesdays between 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Emergency Ballots are need from every confirmed member of Bethania Lutheran Church. Please return them a.s.a.p.



Cans FOR K-9's

We are still collecting aluminum cans to help support the Racine County K-9 program.



We are still collecting non perishable food for the food pantry. You can bring it in on Monday morning 9—11 a.m. or on Wednesday 4:30—6:30 p.m. Suggested items: Canned dinners, Peanut butter, toilet paper, hygiene items, soup, and pastas.

PHOTO GALLERY



The church on Christmas Eve.



St Luke's Hospitality Center receiving our warming items in December 2020



OUR SYMPATHY

Our Sympathy to Joyce Thomsen and family on the passing of ART THOMSEN on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at his home. His funeral was held at Sturino Funeral home on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 with Rev. Heather Bumstead officiating.

Our Sympathy to Grete Loschenkohl and family on the passing of JORN LOSCHENKOHL on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in Union Grove.



Memorials

Given In Memory of Arthur Thomsen:

† by Scott Dupris

† by Sally & Adrian Schoone

† by Mike & Heidi Dupris

† by Patty Hitchcock

† by Rosemary Schroeder

March 2021

CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office OPEN 9-11 6:30 –8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	2	3 Office OPEN 2-4 7:00 p. Lent Worship ONLINE Council mtg 7 pm	4	5	6
7 9:00 a. Worship ONLINE	8 Office OPEN 9-11 6:30 –8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	9	10 Office OPEN 2-4 7:00 p. Lent Worship ONLINE	11	12	13
14 9:00 a. Worship ONLINE	15 Office OPEN 9-11 6:30 –8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	16	17 Office OPEN 2-4 7:00 p. Lent Worship ONLINE	18	19	20
21 9:00 a. Worship ONLINE	22 Office OPEN 9-11 6:30 –8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	23	24 Office OPEN 2-4 7:00 p. Lent Worship ONLINE	25	26	27
28 9:00 a. Palm Sunday Worship ONLINE	29 Office OPEN 9-11 6:30 –8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	30	31 Office OPEN 2-4			



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Place Stamps

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Walk
in the
Light
of the
Lord

see John 5:19-22