



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"

July/August 2021

A Test of Faith

How many times in your life has your faith been tested? How many times have you wanted to give up? There's many days in our lives that we wonder why me? Or why now? We don't always get the answer or the answer we are looking for. This is where our faith comes in.



I've always been very strong in my faith and have always believed that God has a plan, but there was a point almost 4 years ago that I began to wonder more about that plan.

Wasn't it enough to lose my parents 7 months apart but then to take my husband home so suddenly about a year later? During those 2 years I lost 9 close relatives including Keith and my parents. My uncle was found dead when after someone went looking for him because he didn't show up at Keith's funeral.

"Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength"

~ Nehemiah 8:10

I found comfort in this verse as well as the people who around me. I realized my mom would have been a vegetable had she lived and I was blessed to be with her when she died. My dad was just not the same after losing my mom, he was a shell of the man he use to be gone was the dad I knew -the man of steel. He died next to my mom's urn. I believe they met each other in heaven and so happy to be together. "Broken heart syndrome" is a real thing. I have a little harder time with Keith but I do remember him telling me he was tired. So very tired. When writing his obituary I realized that he had touched so many lives and helped so many people. He lives on in others because I made the decision to donate his corneas, connective tissues and skin. He was still touching other lives. When I feel down as I do some days and memories seem overwhelming I remember to pray—not why me but to say thank you for letting them be in my life as long as they have. I know God has a plan and one day I will find out what it is but until then I remember this verse:

"Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually"

~1 Chronicles 16:11

If you feel your faith being tested or things aren't going your way—just remember the Lord is with you E—V—E –R-Y step of the way through your life. God doe snot punish ; he blesses.

Cathi



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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If you have anyone you would like to have added to the prayer chain please contact Cathi @ (262)909-5369 or the church office at 632-7267 or by email: bethania@wi.twcbc.com

Prayer List



Heather Joshi,
Dan Cruz,
Grete Loschenkohl,
Leo Miller,
Candy Small,
Hansine Jorgensen,
Ejner Lie,
Anita Neilsen,
Jacquan Edwards

WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAYS!

(OR ANYTIME)

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

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

W O R S H I P

	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
Worship Leader	Rev. Kip Zimmerman			Rev. Steve Wohlfeil
Worship Assistant				
Communion Assistant				
Lector				
Ushers				
Coffee Hour		Altar Guild		

	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Worship Leader	Rev. Kip Zimmerman	Rev. Kip Zimmerman			Rev. Steve
Worship Assistant					
Communion Assistant					
Lector					
Ushers					
Coffee Hour		Altar Guild			

Bethania Lutheran Church

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Email: Bethania@wi.twcbc.com
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Office Hours: None during pandemic

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

Cathi Webster, Administrative Assistant
Willy Mueller, Church Musician

Caitlin Webster, Custodian
Mike Imhoff, Maintenance

COUNCIL

Jeff Alderson, President

Kelly Imhoff, Vice President

Cathi Webster, Secretary



Date	In Person	Face-book	Giving
May 2 2021	31	100	\$2,155.00
May 9 2021	29	87	\$1890.00
May 16 2021	23	63	\$428.00
May 23 2021	37	62	\$823.00
May 30 2021	18	33	\$265.00
June 6 2021	20	31	\$1012.00
June 13, 2021	21	0	\$390.00
June 20, 2021	29	38	\$1,460.00
June 27, 2021	19	46	\$ 175.00

NOW AVAILABLE:



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Deadline is:
August 1st, 2021 at Noon.
and

NON- PROFIT GRANT APPLICATIONS

Deadline is: September 2nd, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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.

This Months Readings

July 4, 2021	Pentecost 6/ Independence Day
First Reading	<i>Ezeckiel 2:1-5</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 123</i>
Second Reading	<i>2 Corinthians 12:2-10</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 6:1-13</i>

July 11, 2021	Pentecost 7
First Reading	<i>Amos 7:7-15</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 85:8-13</i>
Second Reading	<i>Ephesians 1:3-14</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 6:14-29</i>

July 18, 2021	Pentecost 8
First Reading	<i>Jeremiah 23:1-6</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 23</i>
Second Reading	<i>Ephesians 2:11-22</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</i>

July 25, 2021	Pentecost 9
First Reading	<i>2 Kings 4:42-44</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 145:10-18</i>
Second Reading	<i>Ephesians 3:14-21</i>
Gospel	<i>John 6:1-12</i>

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you are interested in putting flowers on the Altar please call the church office and sign up. Bouquets are \$25 a piece. If you want to spend more you can. Flowers can be picked up after church or on Mondays or Wednesdays during the open office hours.

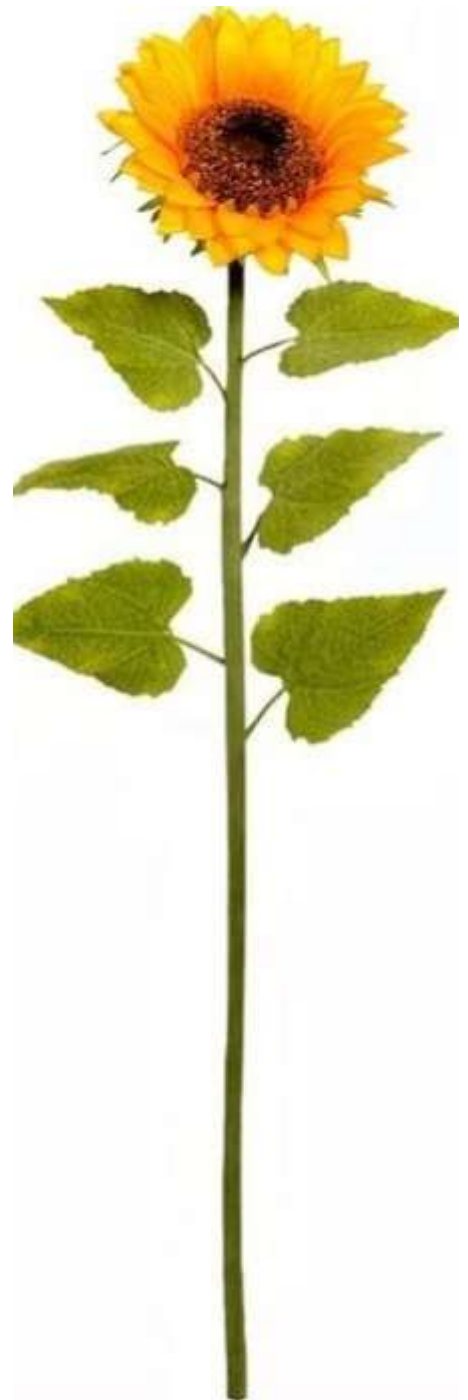
Care & Concern Team

The care and concern team will be meeting and discussing how we can help out while we have no pastoral leadership. If you want to be a part of this team please contact the church office. The team will be sending cards, making home visits, administering communion, and a few other things.

See Brad or Bonnie if you can help out.

This Months Readings

August 1 2021	Pentecost 10
First Reading	<i>Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 78:23-29</i>
Second Reading	<i>Ephesians 4: 1-16</i>
Gospel	<i>John 6:24-35</i>
August 8, 2021	Pentecost 11
First Reading	<i>1 Kings 19:4-8</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 34:1-8</i>
Second Reading	<i>Ephesians 4:25-5:2</i>
Gospel	<i>John 6:35 , 41-51</i>
August 15, 2021	Pentecost 12
First Reading	<i>Proverbs 9: 1-6</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 34:9-14</i>
Second Reading	<i>Ephesians 5:15-20</i>
Gospel	<i>John 6: 51-58</i>
August 22, 2021	Pentecost 13
First Reading	<i>Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 34: 15-22</i>
Second Reading	<i>Ephesians 6:10-20</i>
Gospel	<i>John 6:56-69</i>
August 29, 2021	Pentecost 14
First Reading	<i>Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 15</i>
Second Reading	<i>James 1: 17-27</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</i>



Bethania Lutheran Church

Celebrates 125 years

1896 - 2021

The Church Council is making plans for us to celebrate 125 years as Bethania Lutheran Church this coming September.

Things we need help with is:

- † coming up with significant dates from 1896 until 2021.
- † pictures from 1896 until 2021 and picture boards .
- † addresses of previous pastors /staff (for invitations)
- † touch up work/painting of fellowship hall /kitchen.

If you can help with any of these things please let the office know, email the church office, drop items off during office hours or on Sunday.

Celebrations



7/1—Rachel Rybarik
 7/2—Glen Meldgaard
 7/6 –Jeffrey Munch
 7/9 –Karl Ernst
 7/10—Lisa Rybarik
 7/12—Peter Monefeldt
 7/13—Joyce Thomsen
 7/14 –Ed Young
 7/17 –Kelly Imhoff
 7/20—Jackson Barnes
 7/21—Jeff Alderson
 7/22 –Carl Monefeldt



On July 22nd, **Jeff & Dennise Munch** will celebrate their **26th wedding anniversary!**

On July 27th, **Karl & Mary Ernst** will celebrate their **47th wedding anniversary!**

Congratulations!

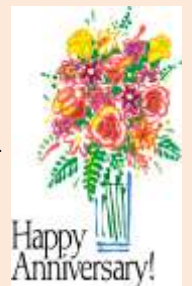
(Please let us know if there are any changes or missed birthdays or anniversaries. Thank You!)



8/3—Betty Hedstrom
 8/17—Thomas Schoff
 8/19—John Barnes
 8/19—Cameron Kechter
 8/23—Brooke McIntosh
 8/29 –Mary Ernst
 8/30—Liz Krause

On August 4th, **Dan & Kim Drasen** will celebrate their **35th wedding anniversary!**

On August 10th, **Erik & Grete Hansen** will celebrate their **53rd wedding anniversary!**



On August 30th, **Joseph & Diane Yust** will celebrate their **64th wedding anniversary!**

Congratulations!

Highlights of the May 23rd Annual Meeting

Opened with prayer at 10:17 p.m.

TREASURERS REPORT—

Changes in Income ; Vida Racine left in February 2020, COVID pandemic hit in March so Offering was way down.

Expenses: Paid just the interest due on the Boilers to LACE loan, In May to help with loss of money Pastor Heather asked for a furlough and that she just gets paid as a supply pastor.

OFFICE REPORT - Complete as written

MEMBERSHIP REPORT—looks good because we counted the facebook and youtube views as well. (Synod required on Congregational Report)

PROPERTY REPORT - Shingles blew off the roof from time to time during 2020. Local roofers either didn't charge for the repair or they charged very little. A homeless couple was found to be living in the window well under Pastors office. The police were notified and they asked them to leave the property.

THREAD by THREAD REPORT —Complete as written

MEMORIAL REPORT—No outlays—have planned to use for the organ. Only need congregational approval if over 5K. Current monies available—12-14K

LACE REPORT - Recommendations for 2020 LACE Outlays, Scholarship: Hunter Berterman. Non Profit Grants: Our Harmony Club and Senior Companion Program.

SEGREGATED FUNDS REPORT -

LACE Fund has 321K and has grown since the report was written.

MOTION made by Leo and Seconded by Kelly to accept the reports as written. Motion Passed with voice vote. 38 I's, 0 - Nays , 0 - abstentions

2021 BUDGET— was read through by Ed, the following highlights were made.

PASTORS BENEFITS: Continue on furlough/supply pastor pay until August 31, 2021. Will resume 1/2 time pay for the last 4 months of the year. (September through December)

OFFERING: Is under what should be.

Ed stated that there is a chart on the bulletin board outside the hearth room that has a graph of our income and expenses if anyone wants to view it.

QUESTIONS ON BUDGET ITEMS:

How often does the RFD visit—quarterly. Fire Extinguishers checked—2x a year.

How is the Revenue determined for the budget—It's our best guess based on previous years.

MOTION made by Kelly and seconded to accept the 2021 Budget. Motion Passed with voice vote. 38 I's, 0 - Nays , 0 - abstentions

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VARIOUS BODIES

COUNCIL: Meets once a month on the first Tuesday. Currently has 8 members but is allowed 12 so there is 4 openings to fill.

LACE: Has 3 openings. They meet 4x a year. Terms are 3 yr., 2 year and 1 year.

MEMORIAL : Has openings. They meet 2x a year.

PRAYER CHAIN LEADER: 1 opening. Duties are you receive prayer requests from members or the office and you pass them on via email to other prayer chain members.

OLD BUSINESS—

2020 LACE Outlays

- \$1000 Scholarship: Hunter Bertermann
- \$1000 Non Profit Grant: Our Harmony Club—Programming

Senior Companion - Volunteer Luncheon

MOTION made by several and Seconded by Leo to approve the LACE outlays as proposed. Motion Passed with voice vote. 38 I's, 0 - Nays , 0 - abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS -

What to do now as a congregation? 7 Options presented.

- 1—ALL IN—get a full time Pastor and use all of the LACE fund.
- 2—PARTNER WITH ANOTHER CHURCH —share the Pastor
- 3 —STAY THE SAME—find another 1/4 or 1/2 time pastor. Not many available for less than fulltime.
- 4—CLOSE THE CHURCH—we would have the ability to choose what happens to our stuff and set our own close date. (Many adamant shouts of NO)
- 5— SHARE A PASTOR WITH ANOTHER CONGREGATION
- 6—KEEP THE ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE OPTION
- 7—FIND ANOTHER CONGREGATION TO SHARE OUR BUILDING

DISCUSSION—See minutes from the meeting.

CONCENSUS—Seek a partner church and part time pastor. Try growing. Keep the online services. Time change a possibility with advanced notice.

SEEKING TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE CHURCH CONSTITUTION.

- Any amendments will require to congregational votes.

POSSIBLE CHANGE PROPOSAL 1: ALLOW FOR VIRTUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

POSSIBLE CHANGE PROPOSAL 2: GRANT POWER TO THE COUNCIL TO DECLARE THE EMERGENCY TO ALLOW FOR A VIRTUAL MEETING WITH PROXY VOTING.

POSSIBLE CHANGE PROPOSAL 3: PROXY VOTING—possible options: fax, email, sealed ballots. Phone calls, virtual meeting software voting.

Jeff, Council President, will write up a draft and present it to council before bringing it to the congregation for voting.

ADJOURNED at 11:55 a.m.

WAYS TO HELP

HELP SUPPORT HOLY COMMUNION'S FOOD PANTRY BY Dropping off



- Syrup
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Soup (canned/dry)
- Juice
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta
- Deodorant
- Complete pancake Mix



Cans FOR K-9's

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



Remember the food pantry.
Suggested items: Canned
dinners, Peanut butter, toilet
paper, hygiene items, soup,
and pastas.

Congratulations to our 2021 Graduates...

Noah Schoff - graduated from Lutheran High School. Noah will be attending Clarke University in Dubuque Iowa pursuing a Nursing degree. He will also be playing football for Clarke University.

Megan Borgardt - graduated from the University of Wisconsin Parkside with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management with concentration in General Business with a design certificate.

Ashley Borgardt - graduated from the University of Wisconsin Parkside with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science with concentration in Strength and Conditioning with a certificate in Community Engagement.



July 2021

C A L E N D A R

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion In person & ONLINE	5 Office CLOSED NO Troop 242 Fell Hall	6 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Council mtg 7 pm	7 Thread by Thread OPEN 10-2 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	8 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	9	10
11 9:00 a. Worship In person & ONLINE	12 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. 6:30-8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	13 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	14 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m. Troop 242 Committee mtg	15 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	16	17
18 9:00 a. Worship In person & ONLINE Tentative Baby Shower, Fh.	19 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. 6:30-8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	20 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	21 Thread by Thread OPEN 10-2 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	22 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	23	24
25 9:00 a. Worship In person & ONLINE	26 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. 6:30-8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	27 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	28 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	29 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	30	31

August 2021

CALENDAR

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