



# 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"

**September/October 2021**

## From the President:

The date has been set. The day is approaching. Mark your calendars. Bethania's celebration of its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary will take place on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be historical displays, a look at what is in the cornerstones of the church, music, aebleskivers and more. Be sure you are there if at all possible.

But what is it that we are celebrating? When Bethania Lutheran Church was started in 1896 by Danish immigrants looking for a better life in Wisconsin, did they know they would be the founders of a church still active over a century later? Probably little thought was given to that. Bethania was founded by a split with another church over theological beliefs. Their concerns were more focused on how they wanted to worship at that time, than dreaming of a church that would still be open in the year 2021.

Bethania's focus would continue to be inward towards living life and worshipping as had been the custom in Denmark. Services were held entirely in Danish nearly all the way up to World War II. This may seem strange now but at that time, it would not be difficult to find services in German, or Welsh, and even Norwegian in Racine County. There was a comfort to the congregations of practicing their faith in traditional ways.

Now we are one hundred twenty five years from when Bethania began. Our church still finds comfort and pride in continuing its Danish Christmas Eve service. We always look forward to our next chance to share in a meal of aebleskivers. These traditions are special. But going to church is more than just enjoying our old traditions. It has everything to do with being with our church family.

The objective in going to church is to seek to build our relationship with God and others. Church worship is all about an encounter with God and others that believe like us. Church worship changes or I believe improves who we are. Hebrews 10:24-25 tells us that believers must not keep apart from other believers. We benefit from meeting with our church family. There is no denying that we are influenced and become like the people we associate with. If the three pillars to a good Christian life are: personal prayer, a study of the Bible and being with fellow Christians, then going to church is just as necessary as developing a spirituality and taking part in prayer. To rely on less than all three is like trying to sit on a one or two-legged stool.

I hope that this little example of why we come to church only puts into words what you already know. I keep it in the back of my head in case I am confronted by someone that tells me they do not have to go to church, or that they are spiritual and do not need any institution to help with their beliefs. This explanation of why I go to church even gives me comfort when I go to the grocery store after services and stare at the person shopping in their pajamas and slippers. They obviously have not gone to church yet and enjoyed a visit with their church family. I hope that church comes later in the day for them.

And if you read this and come to the conclusion that you are not coming to church enough, that dilemma is easily fixed. Bethania is open every Sunday morning and ALL are welcome. There is no need to put coming to Bethania off until October 3<sup>rd</sup>. But if that is how it works out with your schedule, please make a point to celebrate Bethania's long life on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and more importantly meet up with your church family and know that you are loved.

Your Obedient Servant in Christ:

Jeff Alderson





### 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 Kelly Imhoff at (262)554-1558 or by email:  
[bethaniaprayerchain@wi.twcbc.com](mailto:bethaniaprayerchain@wi.twcbc.com)

### *Prayer List*



Heather Joshi,  
Dan Cruz,  
Leo Miller,  
Candy Small,  
Hansine Jorgensen,  
Ejner Lie,  
Jacquan Edwards.  
Mary,  
Pat Sweeti,  
Peg Mickelsen  
Robin Barnes,  
June, Mary,  
Stephanie  
Jeff, Paul, Pat and  
her daughter Lisa.

# WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAYS!

(OR ANYTIME)

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

# W O R S H I P

	September 5 HYMN SING	September 12	September 19	September 26
Worship Leader	Jeff Alderson	Rev Dean Willich	Rev Grant Quever	Rev Grant Quever
Worship Assistant				
Lector	Anne Woodward			Anita Neilsen
Ushers				
Coffee Hour		Altar Guild		
Altar Flowers	Anita Neilsen		Yust	

	October 3 125 Celebration	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Worship Leader					
Worship Assistant					
Lector	Anne Woodward				
Ushers					
Coffee Hour	Aebleskivers	Altar Guild			
Altar Flowers				Brad Larsen	



## Bethania Lutheran Church

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Website: [www.bethanialutheran.org](http://www.bethanialutheran.org)

Office Hours: Monday & Friday 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday through Thursday 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Emergencies: Call (262) 909-5369

*(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

Ed Young, Treasurer

Shelly Alderson

Caitlin Webster

Brad Larsen, Property

John Barnes

## September's Readings

September 5 2021	Pentecost 15
First Reading	Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm	Psalm 146
Second Reading	James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17
Gospel	Mark 7:24-37

September 12, 2021	Pentecost 16
First Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm	Psalm 116:1-9
Second Reading	James 3:1-12
Gospel	Mark 8:27-38

September 19, 2021	Pentecost 17
First Reading	<u>Jeremiah 11:18-20</u>
Psalm	<u>Psalm 54</u>
Second Reading	<u>James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a</u>
Gospel	<u>Mark 9:30-37</u>

August 26, 2021	Pentecost 18
First Reading	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm	Psalm 19:7-14
Second Reading	James 5:13-20
Gospel	Mark 9:38-50

## 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.





## October's Readings

October 3, 2021	Pentecost 19
First Reading	Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm	Psalm 8
Second Reading	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16

October 10, 2021	Pentecost 20
First Reading	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm	Psalm 90:12-17
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:12-16
Gospel	Mark 10:17-31

October 17, 2021	Pentecost 21
First Reading	<u>Isaiah 53:4-12</u>
Psalm	<u>Psalm 91:9-16</u>
Second Reading	<u>Hebrews 5:1-10</u>
Gospel	<u>Mark 10:35-45</u>

October 24, 2021	Pentecost 22
First Reading	Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm	Psalm 126
Second Reading	Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel	Mark 10:46-52

October 31, 2021	Reformation Day
First Reading	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm	Psalm 46
Second Reading	Romans 3:19-28
Gospel	John 8:31-36



# 1 2 5 A n n i V E R S A R y



Join us in  
celebrating 125 years at  
Bethania Lutheran Church  
on **October 3, 2021**

† **9:00 a.m.** Worship Service with Special Music

† Opening the cornerstones - the church and the  
education wing.

† **10:30 a.m.** Aebelskiver Brunch hosted by our Boy Scout  
Troop 242 .

† And more

Please RSVP by September 19, 2021 to  
Bethania Lutheran Church

4120 Wright Avenue, Racine WI 53405 or 262-632-7267 or [Bethania@wi.twcbc.com](mailto:Bethania@wi.twcbc.com)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# attending \_\_\_\_\_



## September Birthdays

2— Leo Miller  
2—Bill Krause  
4— Cassie Vassar  
4— Kurtis Webster  
6— Logan Schoff  
8 -Calaway Alderson  
8 –Camren McIntosh  
8—Brittany McIntosh  
14 –Sara Hagerman  
14 - Dakota Kechter  
17 –Anne Woodward  
19 –Cathi Webster



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

## October Birthdays

9—Jean Dragan  
12—Ashley Borgardt  
12—Meagan Borgardt  
12—Eli Imhoff  
13—Marilyn Peterson  
16—Nicole Borgardt  
18—Andrew Drasen

## ANNIVERSARIES

### September

16—Rob & Deb Borgardt  
19—Jeff & Shelly Alderson  
30 - Jim & Sharon Leger

### October

4—Dan & Sara Hagerman  
12—Tom & Vicki Thiery

# Our Members

**Our Sympathy** to the family ( Leo Miller, the Borgardts, the Browns) and friends of Betty Hedstrom. Betty passed away Tuesday, July 27 with her family by her side. Private funeral were held with Pastor Steve Wohlfeil officiating.

**Our Sympathy** to the family and friends of Kelsey Jacoby. Kelsey passed away unexpectedly on Sunday July 25 2021. Kelsey is the sister of Kari McGaughey. A private Funeral Service was held in Belgium, Wisconsin.

**Our Sympathy** to the family and friends of Jerry Anderson. Jerry passed away January 4, 2021. Jerry was a former member of Bethania. Jerry and his wife, Carolyn were married at Bethania. Jerry was also a life long friend of Leo Miller. A Private funeral service was held at Bethania on Saturday August 13 with Rev. Jessica Short officiating.



**Our Sympathy** to the family and friends of Richard “Dick” Leaf. Dick passed away after a long illness on Friday, July 30 2021. A private funeral Service was held at Bethania on Saturday August 21, 2021 with Pastor Steve Wohlfeil officiating.

## MEMORIALS

In memory of Rita Christensen...

By: Jeff and Shelly Alderson  
Dennis and Jean Dragan  
Bonnie Jensen

Date	In Person	Facebook	Giving
July 4, 2021	19	19	\$1,345.00
July 11, 2021	25	23	\$2,200.00
July 18, 2021	63	18	\$ 275.00
July 25, 2021	25	25	\$1,210.00
August 1, 2021	53	31	\$11,120.00
August 8, 2021	13	21	\$ 998.00
August 15, 2021	8	24	\$2,345.00
August 22, 2021	51	14	\$ 298.00
August 29, 2021	48	26	\$1,794.00

NOW AVAILABLE:



SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATIONS

and

**NON- PROFIT GRANT  
APPLICATIONS**

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



## What You Have To Offer...



Contributions have been down this year. If you have a little extra please consider giving it to the church.

We currently have a 10K short fall. There is a giving/expense graph on the bulletin board outside the office if you want to see how we are doing financially.

# NOTES



August 20, 2021

Once again, I am so grateful for the support and special service that everyone did for the memorial service for my husband Jerry. He would have been so proud and overwhelmed. Cathi in the office, Reverend Jessica Short, and Willy, the young man who provided the music. You are all in my prayers. I thank you all. ~ Carolyn Anderson.

(She also enclosed a donation to the church. )



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# W A N T E D

FOR THE 125th...

We need **Confirmation pictures** for 2006, 2010, 2011, 2017 and 2019. If you have any of these please email them to the church or stop by with them (Sunday morning or during office hours) and we can scan it.

On Vacation....Short Getaway....

Send a postcard! We love seeing where our church family has been and what they are doing.



## 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.



# C E L E B R A T E



*September 5 † 9:00 a.m.*

Due to no hymnals in the pews due to covid-19, hymn selections need to be made by Sunday, August 29th.



Sunday October 10 2021 at 11:00 a.m. East Lawn



# FROM THE MAILBOX

*Thanks*



Hi Friends at Bethania Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the \$1,000.00 grant you awarded Our Harmony Club. Having these funds for meditation will bring joy and relaxation to our volunteers and guests.

Blessings,

Dawn Vlach, Director

6/30/21

Dear Members of Bethania,

On behalf of the women and children of Bethany Apartments, as well as the staff and the board, I want to thank you for thinking of our families during the holidays. Your Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts were very appreciated and gave out families a sense of "normalcy" during a very difficult time.

Thank you again for helping those that live here because they have made a decision to flee domestic violence and found themselves homeless. Bethania's continued generosity is invaluable in making our mission possible.



Sincerely,

Pamala Handrow  
Executive Director

1/26/21

Dear Bethania,

On behalf of the Senior Companion Program, Inc., we cannot thank you enough for the wonderful donation of \$1,000.00 to the program.

The grant will be used for the Annual Appreciation luncheon held for the volunteer and their companion. In addition, each are allowed to bring a guest. The event is held in April during Volunteer Appreciation week.

Allowing all attendees to be able to socialize with not only their volunteer but meet a family member as well.

When leaving the event they are already looking forward to next year.

Again, thank you so much and for allowing me to attend your Sunday Service. Everyone was so welcoming and made me feel right at home. May this year be a new year for all of us. Blessings to you all.

Sincerely,

Sue Craanen,  
Executive Director

07/01/21

# C A L E N D A R



# September 2021



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



# October 2021

## C A L E N D A R

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1  Office OPEN 7:30	2
3 125 celebration 9:00 a. Worship In person & ONLINE Abelskivers	4 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. 6:30 -8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	5 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Council mtg 7 pm	6 Thread by Thread OPEN 10 -2 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	7 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	8 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. 8 -3 RUSD	9 ADK 9:30 a— Noon
10 9:00 a. Worship In person & ONLINE Pet Blessing	11 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. 6:30 -8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	12 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	13 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m. Troop 242 Committee mtg	14 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	15 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. 8 -3 RUSD	16
17 9:00 a. Worship In person & ONLINE	18 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. 6:30 -8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	19 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	20 Thread by Thread OPEN 10 -2 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	21 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	22 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. 8 -3 RUSD	23
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31 9:00 a. Worship In person & ONLINE						

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*Place Stamps*

*here*

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