



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"

November/December 2021

From the President:

Thank you to all members of the Congregation present for the Congregational Meeting on October 24th.

We completed some good work with approving four scholarships and a grant directly impacting our immediate neighborhood. A total of \$5,000 is going out impacting the lives of others. This seemed to be in direct response to our guest pastor's sermon focusing on the question of "What would Christ want us to do?"

The other item of business that was completed was approving the moving ahead with entering into a Covenant Agreement with Pastor Allison Johnson. A lively discussion over all the ways this would impact Bethania took place. All opinions shared were well thought out and well-reasoned. The passion for Bethania that was expressed in many different ways was welcomed by myself. This passion provides me with hope for Bethania's future. It reaffirmed to me that our Congregation does care about Bethania's future; caring about that future like a parent cares about a child's future.

The vote concerning Pastor Allison was not unanimous nor did I think that it would be. There is much change that comes with a new chapter in Bethania's story. Our service time was a big part of the discussion over how Bethania will change. In November, Bethania's services on Sunday morning will be changing to **10:30 a.m.** This change has been discussed at Bethania at least three times in my history on the Bethania Council and has come before the Congregation for a vote at a Congregational Meeting at least once in the past. Before, the discussion was whether a change in times would hopefully result in more members attending services. The later start was hoped to be more convenient for those members that need more time to get ready to leave the house in the morning. My recollection is that the vote to change the services failed to pass on a close vote; this happening about six or seven years ago.

The change in services is needed now for Pastor Allison to lead us in worship. She is currently the pastor at Journey in Faith Church on a 75% call. Pastor Allison leads Journey in Faith every Sunday in its 9 a.m. services. The **10:30 a.m.** start will allow her to comfortably arrive at Bethania on those days she leads our church in services. Bethania's agreement with Pastor Allison will be based on her serving the equivalent of a 20% call. (The percentage of call is based on a pay scale the time spent at the church is negotiated.) She is planning to serve Bethania's needs one day a week including office hours, one Sunday a month, and she will be leading Bethania's confirmation program.



Bethania currently has seven youth eligible for confirmation classes. I met with families for six of these young adults who expressed excitement over possibly having Pastor Allison lead confirmation. She was one of the pastors that partnered with Pastor Heather in Confirmation before COVID. In earlier talks with Pastor Allison, I was impressed that she could name all three of our confirmands from before COVID and expressed a sincere passion to help them complete their confirmation journey.

At the end of the Congregational Meeting, I asked for patience. With change comes times of feeling uncomfortable and unsure. That is only natural. I ask for patience as Bethania works through the upcoming changes and does its best to figure things out that we already see need figuring out. And, as we figure things out on those challenges that are not apparent now but always pop up.

Watch for Aebleskivers being offered at church on Sunday November 14 by Boy Scout Troop 242, and watch for announcements on a Thanksgiving meal at Bethania.

Your obedient servant in Christ.

Jeff Alderson



Troop 242 Aebleskiver
Fundraiser Drive thru is on
Sunday, **November 14th,**
2021 from 10:00
a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



in Bethania's Parking lot.
Tickets are on sale now! They
will also be available that day.

PASTOR ALLISONS WORSHIP AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE WITH US

November: 7 - All Saint's Worship Service

December: 12 –Advent Worship Service

24 -7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candle light Service

January: 16 –Worship Service

February: 6 –Worship service

March: 2—Ash Wednesday worship service with Journey In Faith

20: Worship Service

April: 10 –Palm Sunday

14—Maundy Thursday

15—Good Friday with Journey In Faith

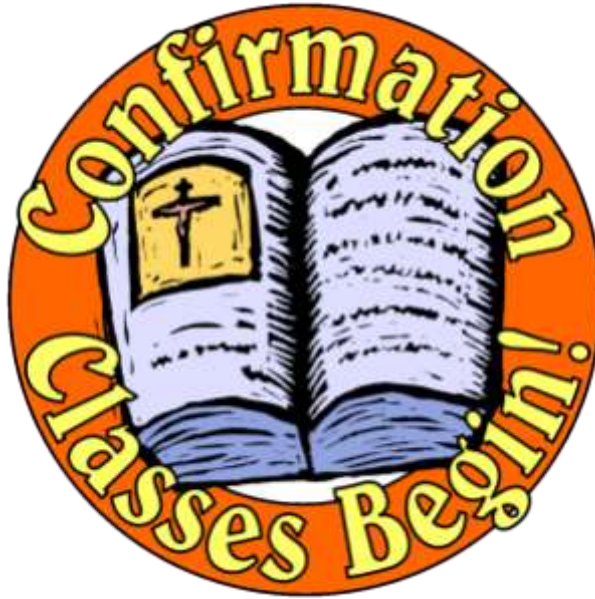
17—Easter Worship

May: 1 –Worship

June: 5 - Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday

Lent & Office hours—TBD

C O N F I R M A T I O N



Confirmation will be once a month on the second Sunday of each month from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Confirmation is being done jointly with United Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

The confirmation class dates are:

November 14, 2021

December 12, 2021

January 9, 2022

February 13, 2022

March 13, 2022

April 10, 2022

May 8, 2022

The location is yet to be determined.

Dear Congregation,

You are invited to a Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 21, 2021 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Bethania is thankful for each and everyone of our Faith family and hope you can join us.



Sincerely,
Bethania Joys & Concerns Team

Watch the bulletin for our Christmas event coming up in December.

JOYS AND CONCERNS TEAM

We are always looking for team members. Our team is plans to host events, send out cards, visit elderly members, deliver poinsettias & Easter flowers, but mostly we show care to our congregation. If you would like to help out please see Bonnie Jensen or Brad Larsen.



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

Prayer List



Heather Joshi, Dan Cruz,
Leo Miller,
Candy Small,
Jacquan (Jackie) Edwards.
Pat Sweeti, Rita Jensen,
Christina, Luigi, Mike M.
Bev, John Luther, Jessica
Barnes, Devin Molina.

WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAYS!



10:30 a.m. - In Person or on FACEBOOK LIVE.
(OR ANYTIME) on our Facebook page.

W O R S H I P

	November 7 All Saints	November 14	November 21 Christ The King	November 28 Advent 1
Worship Leader	Pastor Allison Johnson	Danille Dunasky	Danielle Dunasky	Pastor John Eyster
Worship Assistant				
Lector	Anne Woodward	Robin Barnes	Anita Nielsen	Vicki Thiery
Ushers	Youngs			
Coffee Hour	Bonnie Jensen	Altar Guild		
Altar Flowers	Youngs			

	Dec 5	Dec 12	Dec 19	Dec 24	Dec 26
	Advent 2 December 5	3 Advent December 12	Advent 4 December 19	Christmas Eve December 24	Hymn Sing December 26
Worship Leader	TBD Advent 2	Pastor Allison Johnson Advent 3	TBD Advent 4	Danish: 7:00 p.m. Pr Allison Christmas Eve	Jeff Alderson 1 Christmas
Worship Assistant		Pastor Allison Johnson		Danish: 7:00 p.m. Pr. Allison	HYMN SING
Worship Assistant	Anne Woodward	Anita Nielsen		Danish: 7:00 p.m.	
Lector	Anne Woodward	Anita Nielsen		Danish: 7:00 p.m.	
Ushers				Danish: 7:00 p.m.	
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Coffee Hour		Altar Guild		Danish: 7:00 p.m.	
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Altar Flowers				Poinsettias	
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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.)*

Reverend Allison Johnson, Pastor
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

November Readings

November's Readings

November 7, 2021	All Saints
First Reading	<i>Isaiah 25:6-9</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 24</i>
Second Reading	<i>Revelations 22:1-6a</i>
Gospel	<i>John 11:32-44</i>

November 14, 2021	
First Reading	<i>Daniel 12:1-3</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 16</i>
Second Reading	<i>Hebrews 10: 11-25</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 13:1-8</i>

November 21, 2021	Christ the King
First Reading	<i>Daniel 7: 9-10,13-14</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 93</i>
Second Reading	<i>Revelations 1:4b-8</i>
Gospel	<i>John 18:33-37</i>

November 28, 2021	First Sunday of Advent
First Reading	<i>Jeremiah 33:14-16</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 25:1-10</i>
Second Reading	<i>1 Thessalonians 3:9-13</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 21:25-36</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.



December Readings

December's Readings

December 5, 2021	Second Sunday of Advent
First Reading	<i>Malachi 3:1-4</i>
Psalm	<i>Luke 1:68-79</i>
Second Reading	<i>Philippians 1:3-11</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 3:1-6</i>

December 12, 2021	Third Sunday of Advent
First Reading	<i>Zephaniah 3:14-20</i>
Psalm	<i>Isaiah 12:2-6</i>
Second Reading	<i>Philippians 4:4-7</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 3:7-18</i>

December 19, 2021	Fourth Sunday of Advent
First Reading	<i>Micah 5:2-5a</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 80:1-7</i>
Second Reading	<i>Hebrews 10: 5-10</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 1:39-55</i>

December 24, 2021	Christmas Eve
First Reading	<i>Isaiah 9:2-7</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 96</i>
Second Reading	<i>Titus 2: 11-14</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 2:1-20</i>

December 26, 2021	First Sunday of Christmas
First Reading	
Psalm	
Second Reading	
Gospel	

Hymn Sing



125 Anniversary



BETHANIA 125th DVDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE !!

These are DVDS of the history of Bethania through pictures that was showing in fellowship hall during the 125th Aebleskiver brunch.

There are also DVDS with the worship service too available.

These play on computers because of the program used to design the History in pictures.

C e l e b r a t i o n s



11/1—Austin Imhoff

11/1—Noah Schoff

11/2 –Brad Larsen

11/9 - Bonnie Jensen

11/11—Natalie Shawhan

11/15—Robin Barnes

11/17—Mickey Monefeldt

11/28 –Diane Yust



12/1 –Katie Monefeldt

12/2 –Rusty McGonegle

12/8 –Ryan Berger

12/8 - Holly Munch

12/12 –Dodi Schoff

12/15 –Jacci Young

12/18 -Olivia Imhoff

12/18 –Kyle McGaughey

12/18 - Sammy Schoff

12/21—Ryan Hagerman

12/27 - Richard Thorn

12/31 - Charlotte Barnes

12/31 –Don Rybarik

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



On November 22—Gilbert & Marion Jensen will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary.



On December 23, Mitch and Cassandra (Webster) Dittmer will celebrate 4 years of marriage.

PHOTOS

These are some of the pictures Pastor Chris Manke took at Bethania on Sunday October 22, 2021.



Our

Members

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Florence Dupris. Florence passed away on Thursday September 23, 2021. Flo is the sister of Dian Yust and Joyce Thomsen. Her funeral service was held at Sturino Funeral Home on Saturday October 23, 2021 with Pastor Steve Wohlfeil officiating.



Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Leo Miller. Leo passed away on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. Her funeral service was held at Purath-Strand Funeral Home on Monday, October 25, 2021.

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Hansine Jorgensen. Hansine passed away on Thursday October 7, 2021. Her funeral service was held at Piasecki Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.



1 hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday November 7, 2021

Date	In Person	Facebook	Giving
September 5	18	68	\$859.00
September 12	18	56	\$1230.00
September 19	18	65	\$405.00
September 26	23	-	\$575.00
October 3	61	62	\$2694.00
October 10	27	42	\$965.00
October 17	21	43	\$170.00
October 24	32	43	\$1450.00
October 31	27	29	\$ 827.00

Financial Gifts to Bethania given in Honor of the 125th **Anniversary ...**

Aebleskivers - \$375.00

Memorial - \$125.00

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.

THANKSGIVING



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 10th please

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

Oct. 10th canned vegetables

Oct 31st Mac' N cheese

Oct. 17th canned fruit

Nov. 7th Peanut & Jelly

Oct. 24th canned gravy

Nov. 14th 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 the church office aware.

G I V I N G T R E E



Giving Tree

Bethany Apartments Gift Giving Tree

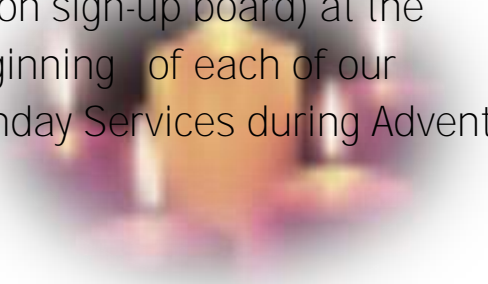
Who doesn't love Christmas and gift giving? You will have the opportunity to pick an ornament with the name of a child or mother that resides at the Bethany Apartments. Both the children and mothers feel very special when they receive the gifts from members of Bethania. The gift giving tree will be in the Hearth Room beginning November 28th. So if you are able please consider taking an ornament, purchasing a gift from the list of ideas on it, wrap it, put the ornament tag back on it and placing it under the tree in the Hearth Room by December 22nd. Thank you so much for once again making Christmas a little better for the children and mothers at Bethany Apartments. Please let me know if you have any questions.

C E L E B R A T E



Sign Up to Light the Advent Wreath

Individuals or families may sign up to lead the lighting of the Advent Wreath (reading provided on sign-up board) at the beginning of each of our Sunday Services during Advent.



Hymn Sing

*Sunday,
December 26th, 2021
10:30 a.m.*



P O I N S E T T I A S

Help Us Decorate Our Church For Christmas...

With Red Poinsettias in Gold foil for \$10.00 each. We will decorate the church for Christmas Eve with the poinsettias that are ordered and then you may pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service or leave it for a shut in. **ORDERS DUE BY: NOVEMBER 21.** Please make checks payable to **Bethania Altar Guild**. Any questions contact Cathi Webster.

_____ Poinsettias x \$10.00 = _____

In Memory
of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

_____ I will take my plant on
Christmas Eve.

_____ I will leave my plant for a
shut in.



November 2021

C A L E N D A R

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Thread by Thread OPEN 10 –2 Office CLOSED	4 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	5 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. 8 –3 RUSD	6 Eagle Court of Honor
7 <i>Clocks fall back</i> 9:30 coffee Hour 10:30 a.m. Wor- ship with Com- munion In person & ONLINE 3:30 p.m. Com-	8 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. And 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 6:30 –8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	9 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Council mtg 7 pm	10 Office CLOSED 7 p.m. Troop 242 Committee mtg	11 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	12 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. 8 –3 RUSD Aebleskiver set up	13 ADK 9:30 a— Noon
14 9:30 coffee Hour 10—2 Aebleskiver Fundraiser 10:30 a. Worship In person & ONLINE	15 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. And 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 6:30 –8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	16 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	17 Thread by Thread OPEN 10 –2 Office Closed	18 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	19 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. 8 –3 RUSD	20
21 9:30 coffee Hour 10:30 a. Wor- ship In person & ONLINE Noon—	22 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. And 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 6:30 –8 p.m. Troop 242	23 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	24 Office CLOSED	25 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	26 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. 8 –3 RUSD	27
28 9:30 coffee Hour 10:30 a. Worship In person & ONLINE	29 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. And 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 6:30 –8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	30 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.				

December 2021

CALENDAR

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26 9:30 coffee Hour 10:30 a. Worship In person & ONLINE	27 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. 6:30-8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	28 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	29 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	30 Office OPEN 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	31 ^{New Years Eve} Office CLOSED	Happy 2022

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