



# 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 2022

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Autumn has snuck in again. The mornings are crisper. The day's are shorter.

And some people have been mentioning the word "snow" on occasion which (rightly so) earns boos and sarcastic remarks. Bethania has confirmation approaching where we can all celebrate in the maturing and growth of our youth. Advent is even being planned for now. Yes, the end of the year is approaching. But not the end to our work as a Congregation.

At the latest Council Meeting, we used a guide from Synod to discuss where Bethania was at now, and where Bethania was going in the future. The discussion was honest and did not ignore the many limitations Bethania is experiencing at present. Such a conversation can create a feeling of frustration or gloom. Yes, we did talk about having fewer members in the pews and higher expenses. But I was struck at how the Council emphasized those things that happen at Bethania that we believe are important; that we believe are doing good for us and others; that make us feel proud of Bethania.

Not all of these things were the large efforts that Bethania is known for. The good work of Thread By Thread was the first on everyone's lips as what we like about Bethania in the community. We also clearly felt serving at the Community Meal site was an important accomplishment for Bethania. And of course continuing with LACE scholarships and grants was pointed to. But there was more good we saw in Bethania.

Smaller more personal things came up. Our openness in welcoming all to the altar for communion was mentioned. Or sharing life with our Church family was looked to as a source of support and happiness. The talent of our members such

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as the Cares and Concerns team was pointed to. There are good things happening at Bethania and we should not let anyone look past that.

It was around this time last year that we held a Congregational Meeting that resulted in some tough decisions of how Bethania was going to continue worship coming out of COVID and led by a new pastor. Our annual Congregational Meeting is coming again near the end of January. I anticipate we, Bethania, will have another set of decisions to make for the coming year. In preparation for that, I would like to ask each member of Bethania to take some time to dwell on what it is at Bethania you like and what it is that you might want to change. If you would like to chat with me as your thoughts take shape, I would be more than happy to discuss at coffee hour or at a more quiet corner of the church if you like on Sundays.

Thank you to all the members of the Congregation hanging in there since we resumed in person services after our COVID closure. We have completed good work since then. The question we were asked by a supply pastor this time last year is still relevant. That question is "What would Christ want us to do?" If we can answer that and follow through, then Bethania will continue its good work into the future.

Your obedient servant in Christ.

Jeff Alderson

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# Bethania Lutheran Church

4120 Wright Avenue Racine, WI 53405-3226

Reverend Allison Johnson, Pastor

November 1, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have enjoyed doing ministry with you and getting to know you over the past 10 or so months. During that time, I've also been in discernment and reflecting on the Holy Spirit's movement. Being in both places – Bethania and Journey in Faith – has been challenging for me, as I am not able to be present with either congregation as much as I had initially hoped. This way of doing ministry for me is not benefitting either church nor myself as a pastor.

Thus, my discernment and prayer has led me to the decision that I am called fully to Journey in Faith Church at this time. This means that my time doing ministry with you all at Bethania Lutheran Church will be coming to an end soon. My last day with you all will be November 30, 2022.

I've enjoyed the welcome you extended my way, and I've found joy in doing ministry with you. I will hold you all in my prayers as you discern God's movement in your lives and in your ministry ahead.

Peace,  
Pr. Allison Johnson

*Office Hours: Monday through Friday 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Use the mail box door on parking lot side.  
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*Worship: In Person and also LIVE STREAMED ON Facebook Live Sundays at 10:30 a.m.*



## Affirmation of Baptism

Ryan , Natalie and Olivia will be Affirming their Baptism on Sunday November 20, 2022. The girls postponed their confirmation due to Olivia's brother, Austin's auto accident and his significant injuries. Austin is also the cousin of Natalie. Ryan postponed his due to Covid cases in the extended family.



### ACOLYTES ARE BACK!

After a long COVID hiatus, the Acolyte part of the confirmation program is back!

### COOPERATIVE CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Another sure sign of fall is the start of the confirmation classes. This year we will be continuing the Cooperative Confirmation. Here are the class dates and Locations for September & October.

November 20, 12:30 to 2:30 at United Lutheran Church, 3825 Erie Street

December 18, 12:30 to 2:30 at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 2417 Drexel Ave,

*Watch bulletins and Blades for more information and classes*



# Pet Blessing



# THANKSGIVING BASKETS



## Thanksgiving Baskets



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 9<sup>th</sup> please consider helping provide food items. There will be a green barrel in the Hearth room where they may be placed.

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> canned vegetables

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> Mac' N cheese

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> canned fruit

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> Peanut Butter & Jelly

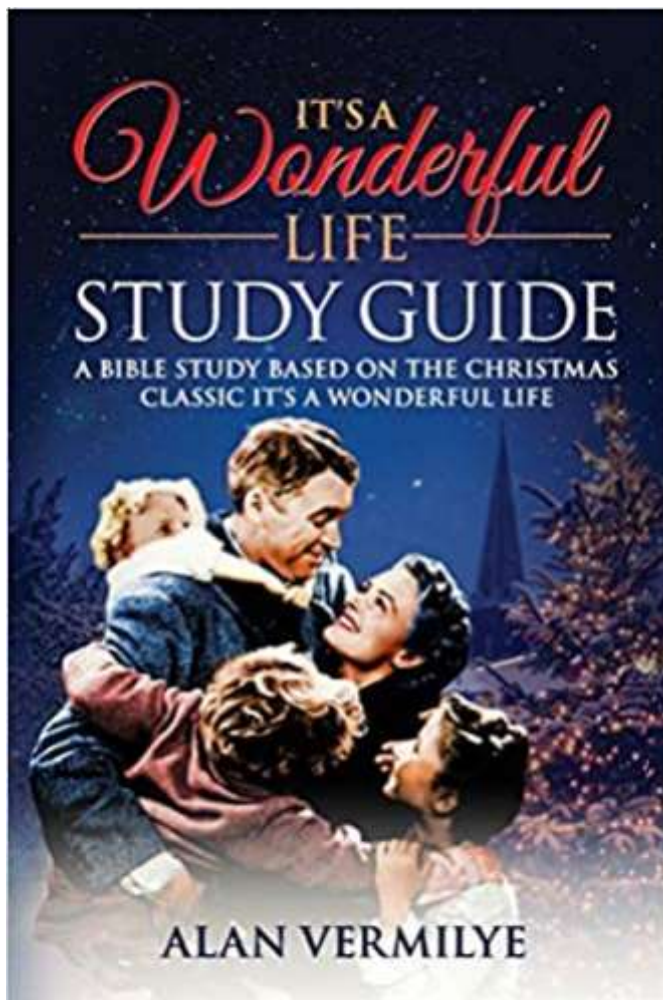
Oct. 23<sup>th</sup> canned gravy

Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



# B I B L E S T U D Y



WEDNESDAY

BIBLE STUDY

Beginning November 16, 2022  
at 6:00 p.m.

It's a Wonderful Life is one of the most popular and heart-warming films ever made. It's near universal appeal and association with Christmas has provided a rich story of redemption that has inspired generations for decades.

It's a Wonderful Life Study Guide examines this beloved holiday classic and reminds us how easily we can become dis-

tracted from what is truly meaningful in life. This five-week Bible study experience comes complete with discussion questions for each session, Scripture references, detailed character sketches, movie summary, and related commentary.

There's no better time than at Christmas to be reminded that every human life has value and that true wealth, spiritual wealth, comes from a right relationship with God and selfless love toward others.

Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Hearth Room.

Paperback book \$12.99 /      *Kindle for \$5.99*

*NOTE: There will be no Bible Study on Thursday November 23 due to Thanksgiving.*



### 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.

**Carolyn Luetgen**  
5321 Douglas Avenue  
Apt. 1164  
Racine, WI 53402

**Tom Nielsen**  
2000 Washington Ave  
Apt. 214  
Racine, WI 53405

**Joyce Thomsen**  
2935 Old Mill Drive  
Racine, WI 53405

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

**Grete Loschenkohl**  
819 Indiana Street  
Racine, WI 53405  
Phone - 262-633-6095



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,  
Ann Marie, Pat & Pete  
Nelson, Jeff & Sue O.,  
Brad, Bonnie Jensen,  
Terri Jones, Eileen, Tom  
Thornton, Eli Imhoff,  
Austin Imhoff,, Forest,  
Kyle, Bob, Bob, Evian,  
John, Lily.





# W O R S H I P

Date	Worship Leader	Communion Assistant	Reader	Acolyte	Coffee Hour	Altar Flowers	Building Host
11/6	Pastor Kara Baylor	(Open)	Anne Woodward	Ryan Hagerman	(Open)	(Open)	Kelly Imhoff
11/13	Vicar Debbie Hartfield	(Open)	(Open)	Brooke McIntosh	Altar Guild	Youngs	Brad Larsen
11/20	Pastor Allison	(Open)	(Open)	Aaron Kechter	(Open)	(Open)	Aldersons
11/27	Pastor Chad Kline	(Open)	(Open)	Dominic Shawhan	(Open)	(Open)	John Barnes
12/4	Cathi & Cait Webster	(Open)	Anne Woodward	Eli Imhoff	(Open)	Anne Woodward	Ed Young
12/11	Pastor Kara Baylor	(Open)	(Open)	Brooke McIntosh	Altar Guild	(Open)	Kelly Imhoff
12/18	Pastor Kara Baylor	(Open)	(Open)	Aaron Kechter	Ryan Hagerman	Ryan Hagerman	Brad Larsen
12/24 3 p.m	Pastor John Eyster	TBD	TBD	(Open)	TBD	Poinsettias	TBD
12/24 7 p.m.	TBD	(Open)	(Open)	(Open)		Poinsettias	TBD
12/25	<b>NO WORSHIP SERVICE—MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>						





*Blue Christmas*

*Honor your  
loss  
...embrace  
God's hope*

*For those of us experiencing loneliness, sadness and loss, the Christmas season can be difficult—we can feel singled out by the programmed happiness of "the most wonderful time of the year." But we are not alone. Many people experience at least some sadness and loss in this season. All of us have experienced loss. Please join us in a simple worship of song, readings and a reflection of God's hope for us and presence with us in feeling what we feel. All are welcome!*

*A worship service of remembrance and hope*

*Sunday, December 4, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.*

*Bethania Lutheran Church + 4120 Wright Ave. + Racine WI*



**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

**Saturday, December 24, 2022**

3:00 p.m. - Danish Service with Candlelight  
Alt på dansk undtagen prædikenen

7:00 p.m. - Candle light Service

At: Bethania Lutheran Church  
4120 Wright Avenue  
Racine, WI 53405

Live Stream: [http:// www.https://www.facebook.com/BethaniaLutheran](http://www.https://www.facebook.com/BethaniaLutheran)

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

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 7:30 to 9:30 a.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  
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



# Celebrations



11/1—Austin Imhoff

11/1—Noah Schoff

11/2 –Brad Larsen

11/08—Tommy Thiery

11/9 - Bonnie Jensen

11/11—Natalie Shawhan

11/15—Robin Barnes

11/17—Mickey Monefeldt

*(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 64th wedding anniversary.



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



On December 23, Mitch and Cassandra (Webster) Dittmer will celebrate their 5th wedding anniversary,



# 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 \$12.00 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 27.** Please make checks payable to **Bethania Lutheran Church**. Any questions contact Cathi Webster.

\_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettias x \$12.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory  
of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my plant on  
Christmas Eve.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will leave my plant for a  
shut in.





Our Sympathies to Willy & Kristi Mueller, Sam Mickelson and the rest of the family on the loss of Peg Mickelsen on Saturday August 27, 2022. Her celebration of Life dinner was held on September 23, 2022 at Infusino's in Racine WI. Private Internment at West Lawn Cemetery.

### Memorials

In memory of Peg Mickelsen

Jane Martin Fox

Paula Washow

Ronald & Diana Zicharelli

Steven & Tanni Baird (see below)

It was decided that half of the cash given in memory of our mom, Peggy Mickelsen would be given to Mom's church. Prior to moving to Arizona, mom loved spending time at Bethania. Even after moving to Arizona mom would watch church online with Kristi on Sundays. She loved the people there.

It was apparent at her celebration of Life in Racine. I was amazed at the amount of people I met from Bethania. They gave me so many kind comments. It was moving.

Mom really missed going to Bethania when she moved to Arizona but she was extremely happy with her move and although her stay here in Arizona was short, she was very happy.

Sincerely,  
Tanni Baird

Date	In Person	Facebook	Giving
September 4	21	39	\$1,901.00
September 11	24	30	\$1,374.00
September 18	23	36	\$ 926.00
September 25	26	29	\$ 459.00
October 2	15	—	\$ 593.00
October 9	24	49	\$ 946.00
October 16	27	17	\$ 785.30
October 23	30	No Stream	\$ 395.00
October 30	28	23	\$1,726.62



There's  
always  
**SOMETHING**  
TO BE  
thankful  
FOR

### What You Have To Offer...

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

There is a giving/expense graph on the bulletin board outside the office if you want to see how we are doing financially.



# WAYS TO HELP

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Please consider hosting coffee hour. The coffee will be started by the building opener. Treats may be store bought or homemade.

Sign up sheet is in the hearth room on the coffee table.

## **WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUR COMMUNITY:**

BRING NON PERISHABLE FOOD (Food Pantry)

BRING EMPTY ALUMINUM CANS (Cans for K-9s)

BRING GENTLY USED CLOTHES OR PAPER BAGS (TxT)

## **WAYS YOU CAN HELP BETHANIA:**

SERVE AS A WORSHIP LEADER

SERVE AS AN USHER

MOW THE LAWN

JOIN THE CARE & CONCERN TEAM (Visit our Members)

REMEMBER YOUR OFFERING (Pays the Bills)

## BETHANIA HOSTS COMMUNITY MEAL

ON SUNDAY December 4, 2022

We need your help in supplying a meal for Community meal with donations of a Salad, side dish, milk, dessert or money towards the entrée/meat. Volunteers also needed.

Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the hearth room.



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## WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAYS!

10:30 a.m. - In Person or on FACEBOOK LIVE.

(OR ANYTIME) on our Facebook page.

NOW with closed captioning.

Bulletins are available by email or on our website:

<http://www.bethanialutheran.org/bulletins>

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6 <i>Daylight savings—Fall Back</i>  9:30 coffee Hour  10:30 a. Worship In person &	7  Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.  6:30–8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	8  Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	9	10  Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	11  Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.  RUSD 8-3 LL	12
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27 <i>Advent starts</i>  9:30 coffee Hour  10:30 a. Worship In person & ONLINE	28  Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.  6:30–8 p.m. Troop 242 Fell Hall	29  Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	30  Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.  6:00 p.m Bible Study, Hearth room			



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25 <i>Christmas Day</i> NO coffee Hour NO Worship In person & ONLINE	26 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30	27 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.	28 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	29 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	30 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	31 <i>New Years Eve</i>

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