



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"

January/February 2023

It's the Christmas season as I write this.

With Christmas we all think of gifts and giving. Even though this is far from my first Christmas season of giving, I recently experienced a different outlook on what giving means to me. It all came about with Bethania hosting the meal-site this December.

As all of you know, there is a lot of work that goes into hosting the meal-site. There are all the requests for help with food donations and monetary donations. A personal visit to order the entrée and ensure arrangements for when and where the food will be picked up has worked best. Collecting up the sides, water, and utensils requires visiting several stores. Just like grocery shopping, there is no one store where you can get everything.

The real work begins just before the meal is served. Numerous containers have to be carried from the restaurant out to the car. Then, at the site, carried again down to the basement of Living Faith Church. In what takes a short time but great effort, the containers are spread out and each filled with their

portions making sure there is enough for all. Filled containers are placed on carts and taken up to the back entrance of the church for distribution.

This at times is hectic and frustrating. Fighting doors with your hands full can test tempers. Food in and out of vehicles is equally challenging for tempers. Worrying about keeping the car clean as food is transported adds to the stress. The pace to get the food in the containers is fast to do our best that the food is still hot when given out. By the time I got up to where the meals were being distributed, I was wondering why I was putting myself through all this. And that is when my bad attitude changed.

Outside of the door of the church was a line of people waiting for food. They would enter one at a time and announce how many meals they need. Some were happy with just one meal, and they would walk off to where they were going to eat. An elderly lady that is a friend of my family was there and asked for two. She got her meals from my son Jerod with a loving hug as well. Another lady asked for thirteen meals for her family and with our help we loaded her car. After she left, we got the story of how the husband and wife were caring for eleven children in their extended

family all resulting from other family members being unable to parent them. This was why we give. Seeing the line of **needy and hearing the stories wasn't new** to me but somehow, it reassured me that good was being done and the struggle to make it happen was really all worth it.

We had new help this last meal-site. **Jerod's fiancé helped with the food.** It was her first time doing so with our family. While I was having my reinforcing experience, this was new to her. She was taking great interest in the people that were coming forward for food. Hers was a fresh outlook of what was taking place full of people watching and making the extra effort that everyone got what they needed. The two of us were at different ends of the giving experience yet still working together.

I had a similar experience with the giving tree. There is a lot of effort that goes into finding the items for a young man at Bethany Apartments. Dealing with finding items at different suppliers and dealing with goofy delivery schedules is frustrating. But when everything is together and being wrapped up, it sinks in that there will be a happy little boy when he opens the present and it all seems worth it. Thread By Thread yields numerous stories of **where the volunteer's efforts all make sense** when a patron shares how Thread By Thread made a difference in their life.

That brings me to how similar giving experiences are available to all at Bethania. For months, I have been announcing to Bethania that we need volunteers. What we need is giving.

Bethania could use help with being a lector, reading lessons during the service. Bethania could use ushers, helping to greet those attending services. Bethania could use coffee hour hosts, welcoming people with coffee and snacks. This is all giving. Giving of your time mainly. And it will all be rewarded with smiles from others that appreciate your efforts. Just let myself or the office know and you will get the help you need to do well. The reward for giving comes with the pleasure it brings others.

Your obedient servant in Christ.

Jeff Alderson



OUR MEMBERS

What A JOY...

It was to see Rita Jensen & her family at church on Sunday December 4, 2022.

We found out her address is still :

1100 Fountain Hills Drive, Unit 329C
Mt Pleasant, WI 53406-3786
(262) 886-1486

Even though the post office kept reporting it wasn't her address.



Samantha Schoff
13150 Harriet Ave S # 396B
Burnsville Mn 55337



Congratulations to Tatiana Krause on her engagement to Brian Starbuck. Her wedding will be held in October 2023.

As part of Bethania's Well Being Conversations the council has decided to do 5 brunches in place of coffee hour this year. Our first one will be February 12, 2023 we will be gathering for an Aebleskiver Brunch following worship.

If you want to mark your calendar the other dates are: 4/30/23, 7/30/23, 9/17/23 & 12/31/23.

CONFIRMATION



Affirmation of Baptism

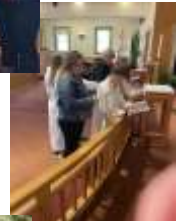
The Confirmation Class of 2022 had a lot of challenges over the last couple of years. Covid being #1 on that list. The classes didn't happen for over a year because of the covid outbreak and the need to stay social distanced. Also, during that time Pastor Heather had left. We were able to get Pastor Allison on board and the students worked with her for almost a year. The confirmation service was planned for October 29, reformation day. Then tragedy struck and covid hit so confirmation was delayed. Then, On Sunday November 20th we celebrated the Affirmation of Baptism of : Ryan Hagerman, Olivia Imhoff and Natalie Shawhan. Which was also Pas-



RYAN



OLIVIA



NATALIE



COOPERATIVE CONFIRMATION CLASSES

January 15, 2023 , 12:30—2:30 p.m.

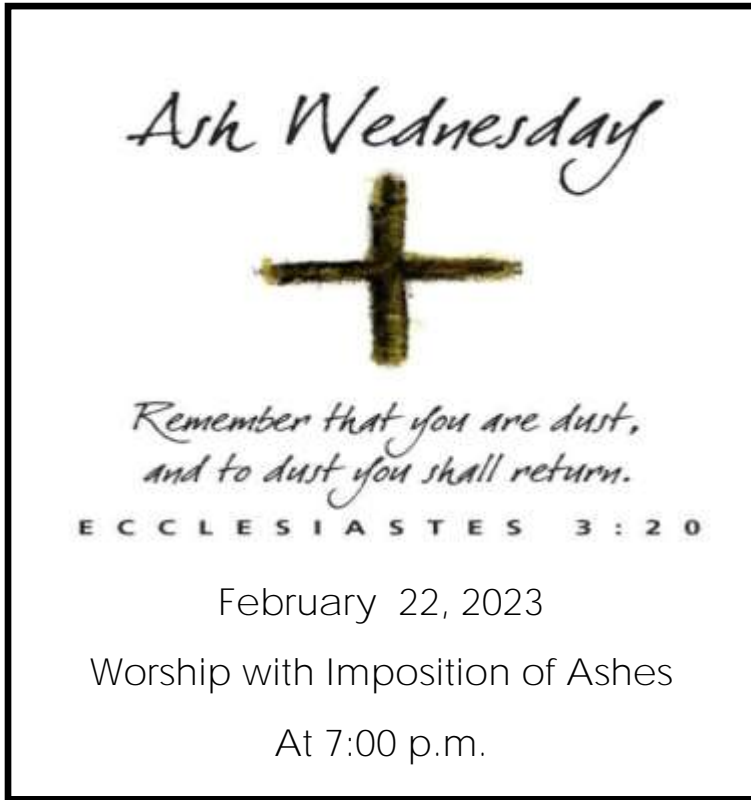
Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2417 Drexel Avenue

February 12, 2023, 12:30—2:30 p.m.

United Lutheran Church, 3825 Erie Street



LENT



SUNDAY SERVICES

10:30 a.m.
February 26
March 5
March 12
March 19
March 26

MIDWEEK SERVICES

7:00 p.m.
March 1
March 8
March 15
March 22
March 29



PALM SUNDAY- April 2
10:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 6
7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - April 7
7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 9
10:30 a.m.

THANK YOU!

Thanksgiving Basket Update

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who donated food items and money for the Thanksgiving Baskets this year! We had enough to make ten baskets, one for each of the Bethany Apartments residents and also one for a family that was suggested by a congregation member. A \$30 Piggly Wiggly gift card was attached to each one. It's so heartwarming to see the generosity that is shown for our community members. A blessed Thanksgiving to all of you!
Jacci Young



A huge than you to everyone who took ornaments and purchased gifts for the moms and Children at Bethany Apartments. The families truly appreciate you graciousness. There is no greater pleasure than that of Childs face Christmas morning when opening the gift that they receive. A special thank you to Jacci Young for taking care of this again this year.

Cares & Concerns



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 Luetzen

5321 Douglas Avenue
Apt. 1164
Racine, WI 53402

Grete Loschenkohl

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

Joyce Thomsen

2935 Old Mill Drive
Racine, WI 53405



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



Dan Cruz, Ann Marie,
Pat & Pete Nelson,
Jeff & Sue O., ,
Austin Imhoff,
Kevin Dahlen,
Pastor John Eyster,
Ryan Nelson,

WORSHIP

Date	Worship Leader	Communion Assistant	Reader	Acolyte	Coffee Hour	Altar Flowers	Building Host
1/1	Jeff Alderson	(Open)	Anne Woodward	Dominic Shawhan	(Open)	(Open)	Aldersons
1/8	Pastor Kara Baylor	(Open)	(Open)	Eli Imhoff	Altar Guild	(Open)	John Barnes
1/15	Pastor Donna Brown	(Open)	(Open)	Brooke McIntosh	(Open)	(Open)	Ed Young
1/22	Pastor Kara Baylor	(Open)	(Open)	Aaron Kechter	(Open)	(Open)	Kelly Imhoff
1/29	Pastor Kelly Taylor– Schaus	(Open)	(Open)	Dominic Shawhan	(Open)	(Open)	Brad Larsen
2/5	Pastor Steve Wohlfeil	(Open)	Anne Woodward	Eli Imhoff	(Open)	(Open)	Aldersons
2/12	Pastor Kara Baylor	(Open)	(Open)	Brooke McIntosh	Aebleskiver Brunch	(Open)	John Barnes
2/19	Pastor Steve Wohlfeil	(Open)	(Open)	Aaron Kechter	(Open)	(Open)	Ed Young
2/26	Pastor Paul Ihlenfeld	(Open)	(Open)	Dominic Shawhan	(Open)	(Open)	Kelly Imhoff

Reader/Lectors: The readings are now on the bulletin board outside the hearth room so you can see what the reading would be before you even sign up and can have it ahead of time.

Altar Guild volunteers are needed. We use to be 3—3 member teams now we are 1 - 1 member team, 1- 1 1/2 member team and 1 - 2 member team. Every third month you set up communion for the worship service and change paraments and fill candles as needed during your month. If youd like to be on a team talk to Vicki Theiry or Cathi.

Communion Assistants are needed. People are needed to hold the chalice during the distribution of communion. You only need to say “This is the blood of Christ shed for you” as people dip their wafer into the cup.

Church Business

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

In the hearth room

Annual report packets will be available beginning January 15th.

*2023 Budget

*Proxy voting

*Pastoral vacancy

*and other items

Please plan to attend.

Date	In Person	Facebook	Giving
November 6	27	29	\$2,732.75
November 13	33	40	\$1,273.00
November 20	43	63	\$ 317.00
November 27	27	117	\$ 547.00
December 4	23	20	\$1,505.00
December 11	25	40	\$ 590.00
December 18	31	42	\$1,183.32
December 24- 3 pm	40	38	\$ 600.00
December 24 –	24	30	\$ 515.00



Bethania Lutheran Church

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262-632-7267

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Pastor's Email: pastorallison91@gmail.com

Website: 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

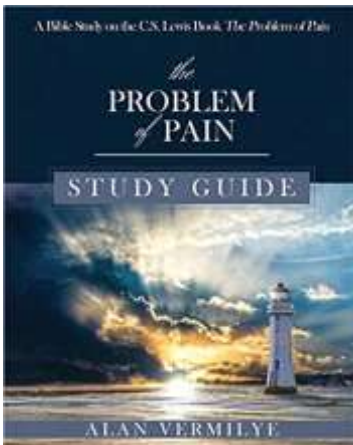


1/1—Rob Borgardt
1/5—Richard McGaughey
1/7—Jacob Hansen
1/13 –Deb Munch
1/14—Olivia Weaseman
1/21—Jim Leger
1/27—Jakob Jensen
1/31—Kim Drasen



2/1—Bettie Liston
2/3—Jacque Majeed
2/5 –Thomas Thiery
2/18 -Melanie Brabbit
2/18 -Carolyn Luetzgen
2/23—Lauryn Berger
2/26 - Krista Berger

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



- THE PROBLEM OF PAIN BIBLE STUDY -

Why must humanity suffer? Why doesn't God alleviate our pain, even some? In his book *The Problem of Pain*, C.S. Lewis's philosophical approach to why we experience pain can be confusing at times. **The Problem of Pain Study Guide** breaks down each chapter into easy-to-understand questions and commentary to help you find meaning and hope amid the pain.

The Problem of Pain Study Guide expands upon Lewis' elegant and thoughtful work where he seeks to understand how a loving, good, and powerful God can possibly coexist with the pain and suffering that is so pervasive in the world and in our lives. As Christ-followers we might expect the world to be just, fair, and less painful, but it is not. This is the problem of pain.

The Study guide is \$14.99 and the book is \$10.00 on Amazon. There is used options available.

Mondays at 6:00 p.m. beginning January 16, 2023.

POINSETTIAS

THE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS DECORATED THE CHURCH WERE:

In Memory of :

Jim & Shirley Woodward by Anne Woodward

Walter & Ella Jensen by Bonnie Jensen

Wayne Thoen by Bonnie Jensen

Our grandpa, Alan Anderson by Erick & Annika

My Parents by Brad

My Baby, Helen by Brad

My husband, Keith by Cathi

My parents and Keith's parents by Cathi

My granddaughter, Grace by Cathi

My Best Friend, Candy by Cathi

In Honor Of:

My daughter Kim and my son Tom by Anita Nielsen.

Our grandma, Irma Anderson by Erick & Annika

Our Congregation by Brad



OUR SYMPATHY



Our deepest Sympathies to Karen Fernandez; Alita Fernandez, Lisa McIntosh; Virginia Jones, Dwayne Jones Jr., Camren McIntosh, and Brooke McIntosh; on the loss of their husband, father and grandfather, Sam Fernandez on November 23, 2022. His funeral was held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on December 2, 2022.



Our deepest Sympathies to Julie Hansen and family on the loss of her sister Terri Jones on December 12, 2022. Funeral services were held at Bethania on Wednesday December 21. Pastor Sheila Rawn officiated.



January 2023

C A L E N D A R

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>New Years Day</i> 9:30 coffee Hour 10:30 a. Worship In person & ONLINE	2 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.	3 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	4 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Thread by Thread OPEN 10–2	5 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	6 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. RUSD 8-3 LL	7
8 9:30 coffee Hour 10:30 a. Worship In person & ONLINE	9 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.	10 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	11 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.	12 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	13 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. RUSD 8-3 LL	14
15 9:30 coffee Hour 10:30 a. Worship In person & ONLINE	16 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study –6 pm	17 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	18 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Thread by Thread OPEN 10–2 6 pm Bible Study, Hearth room	19 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	20 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. RUSD 8-3 LL	21
22 9:30 coffee Hour 10:30 a. Worship In person & ONLINE	23 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study –6 pm	24 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	25 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. NO Bible Study,	26 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	27 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. RUSD 8-3 LL	28
29 9:00 Annual Meeting 10:30 a. Worship In person & ONLINE	30 Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study –6 pm	31 Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.				

February 2023

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<i>12</i> 9:30 coffee Hour 10:30 a. Worship In person & ONLINE	<i>13</i> Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study –6 pm	<i>14</i> Valentine's Day Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	<i>15</i> Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Thread by Thread OPEN 10–2	<i>16</i> Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	<i>17</i> Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> 9:30 coffee Hour 10:30 a. Worship In person & ONLINE 12:30 –2:30 pm Confirmation Class @ Living Faith	<i>20</i> Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study –6 pm	<i>21</i> Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	<i>22</i> Ash Wednesday Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. 7:00 pm -Ash Wednesday worship	<i>23</i> Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	<i>24</i> Office OPEN – 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 9:30 coffee Hour 10:30 Worship In person & ONLINE	<i>27</i> Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Bible Study –6 pm	<i>28</i> Office OPEN 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.				

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