



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"

May/June 2023

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter. We see signs of Rebirth all around us. Plants are turning green. Birds are returning from down south. The evenings are staying brighter. I see these changes at Bethania as well. I have seen rebirth in the pews. I have seen more members at our services. I have also seen more guests. I would like to especially thank all who made Miguel, our guest from Mexico, feel welcomed. He has returned to his home in Mexico where he is a teacher. I was proud to see how everyone at Bethania made Miguel and other guests welcomed at our church.

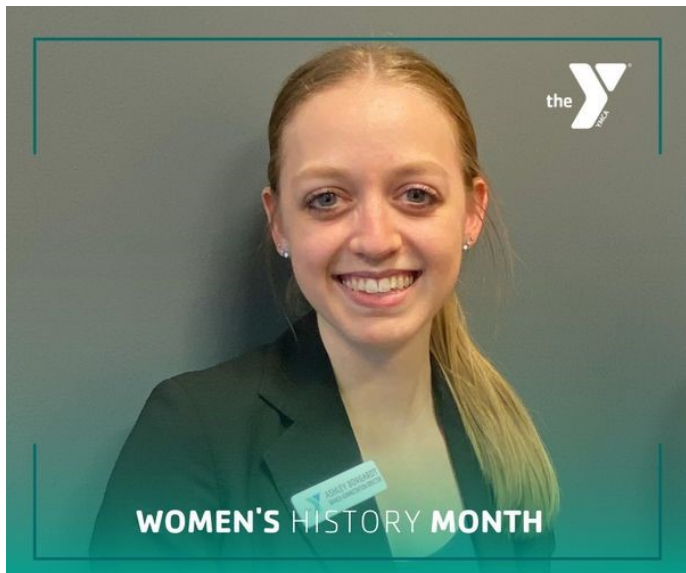
Regarding Bethania's search for a pastor, the Council had met with a candidate during January and were impressed by the candidate's experience and personality. During April, Bethania was informed that the candidate had taken a call elsewhere. The search for candidates continues. If anyone at Bethania becomes aware of a potential pastoral candidate, please let me know of your thoughts.

I have to coordinate with Synod prior to asking a pastor whether they would have any interest in helping Bethania. This keeps things manageable. It's not fair for a pastor to get asked about considering a parish by more than one person at any time. The Synod is also very good about letting Bethania know if a pastor is considering taking on a call so that awkward conversations can be avoided.

Related to our search for a pastor, it has become more difficult to locate supply pastors for Sunday services. We have been very fortunate so far this year. However, the number of supply pastors available (without looking to north of Milwaukee or other more distant places) has become a bit limited. We are aware of some health issues, schooling conflicts, and other situations that have reduced the ranks of supply pastors Bethania has been able to schedule. Don't be surprised if you see myself or other lay people leading a service in order to fill some gaps. This is nothing new and hopefully is only a short term challenge for us.

Brad and I will be attending the Milwaukee Synod Assembly the first weekend of June. If you have any

OUR MEMBERS



Ashley joined the [Southwest YMCA](#) team in the early summer of 2022 as the full-time Membership Specialist. She was immediately recognized for her phenomenal customer service, positive attitude, and strong work ethic. After a few months, Ashley was asked to apply for the new position of Branch Administration Director. The position is a key leadership role working closely with the Executive Director on HR issues, administration tasks, board of manager relations, fundraising efforts, and branch culture. Ashley was awarded the position and jumped into the role with zeal.

Ashley embodies the mission of the YMCA through strong servant leadership. She takes on meaningful work with eagerness and a positive attitude that is infectious to all around her. The words that come to mind most in describing Ashley are excellence and enthusiasm. As the Branch Administration

Director, she has redeveloped the staff onboarding process, become the co-chair for the fun committee (staff culture work), and significantly supported all the Program Directors and the Executive Director. The Southwest YMCA is better because of Ashley's leadership and support. Ashley's impact is substantial, and she has a bright future ahead of her as a leader in the YMCA movement. The leadership team is unanimously grateful to have Ashley as a co-worker and friend.

Way to Go Ashley!



Shelly's Egg Bake Recipe:

Eggs Tiffany

(Western Egg Casserole)

Melt 1 stick of Butter in 9x13 pan.

In a separate bowl mix: 1 dozen eggs

1 green pepper, diced

1 small onion, diced

1/2 pint of sour cream

1 pound of diced ham

Pour into pan and bake at 350F for 1 hour. Enjoy!

CONFIRMATION

COOPERATIVE CONFIRMATION CLASSES

May 21, 2023, 12:30—2:30 p.m.

United Lutheran Church, 3825 Erie Street

**The May 28—October 29, 2023 Acolyte Schedules
are available on the bulletin board outside the
Pastors Office.**

Just a reminder that being a Acolyte is one of the
requirements for being confirmed.

**Acolyte
Schedule**

May 28	Eli Imhoff	August 20	Eli Imhoff
June 4	Brooke McIntosh	August 27	Brooke McIntosh
June 11	Dominic Shawhan	September 3	Dominic Shawhan
June 18	Eli Imhoff	September 10	Eli Imhoff
June 25	Brooke McIntosh	September 17	Brooke McIntosh
July 2	Dominic Shawhan	September 24	Dominic Shawhan
July 9	Eli Imhoff	October 1	Eli Imhoff
July 16	Brooke McIntosh	October 8	Brooke McIntosh
July 23	Dominic Shawhan	October 15	Dominic Shawhan
July 30	Eli Imhoff	October 22	Eli Imhoff
August 6	Brooke McIntosh	October 29	Brooke McIntosh
August 13	Dominic Shawhan		



"MAKE & TAKE CRAFT NITE"

WITH A LITE SUPPER



You are invited to come join us for an enjoyable evening out of crafting and a lite supper! A variety of simple & easy crafts will be offered that you can complete and take home for yourself or give to someone as a gift.



There will be a \$10 fee per person and can be paid that evening. We hope you will join us for a fun night of "crafting & conversation!"



Living Faith Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
2915 Wright Ave. Racine, WI 53405



Wednesday, May 24th
at 5:30pm

RSVP by Monday, May 15th



Vicki Siefert
262-634-4154

262-637-5671 or
office@livingfaithracine.org

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 Luetzgen

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**



Dan Cruz, Ann Marie,
Pat & Pete Nelson,
Jeff & Sue O.,
Austin Imhoff,
Kevin Dahlen,
Ryan Nelson,
Mickey Monefeldt,
Anita Nielsen,
Bent,
Grete Loschenkohl,
Bonnie Jensen

Family & Friends of Jamie
Oberholtzer (Bonnie's son)
Family & Friends of Carl
Monefeldt

WORSHIP

Date	Worship Leader	Communion Assistant	Reader	Acolyte	Coffee Hour	Altar Flowers	Building Host
5/7	Pastor Bob Trendel	(Open)	Anne Woodward	Brooke McIntosh	Brad & Caitlin	Anne Woodward	Ed Young*
5/14	(Open)	(Open)	(Open)	(Open)	Altar Guild	Anita Neilsen	Brad Larsen
5/21	Pastor Bob Trendel	(Open)	(Open)	Dominic Shawhan	(Open)	(Open)	Aldersons
5/28	(Open)	(Open)	(Open)	Eli Imhoff	(Open)	(Open)	John Barnes
6/4	(Open)	(Open)	Anne Woodward	Brooke McIntosh	(Open)	(Open)	Ed Young
6/11	Rev Kelly Taylor-Schaus	(Open)	(Open)	Dominic Shawhan	Altar Guild	(Open)	Kelly Imhoff
6/18	Rev Kelly Taylor-Schaus	(Open)	(Open)	Eli Imhoff	(Open)	(Open)	Brad Larsen
6/25	Pastor Carolyn Fredricksen	(Open)	(Open)	Brooke McIntosh	(Open)	(Open)	Aldersons

* Swapped original date

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 you'd like to be on a team talk to Vicki Theiry

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

Date	In Person	Facebook	Giving
March 5	28	18	\$4,487.00
March 12	24	26	\$1,424.16
March 19	26	28	\$1,644.32
March 26	28	22	\$ 605.95
April 2	32	61	\$1,764.00
April 9	41	39	\$ 576.00
April 16	26	28	\$1,455.00
April 23	36	28	\$1,582.35
April 30	20	35	\$ 295.00

(President's article continued)

topics, issues, or questions that you would like me to take to the Synod Assembly, please contact me or see me at church. The Synod Assembly includes representatives from every church within our Synod, all sorts of clergy (active, retired, in and out of a call, etc.), and the Synod leadership and staff. I have opportunities to discuss matters during the actual formal meetings of the assembly as well as simply meeting with someone during a break. Synod Assembly is an opportunity that comes only once a year to converse with our ELCA friends throughout the Synod. I will be happy to investigate any questions or concerns from within Bethania.

And finally, Spring is upon us and Summer is approaching. The city has completed repairing our sidewalks. Help with mowing the lawn will be needed soon. We could use help with lectors, ushers, altar guild, and in so many other places. If you want to help, but are not sure what you want to do, just ask me or other Council members. We can describe the things that need to be done around the church and hopefully find something that is meaningful and comfortable for you to help Bethania with.

Your obedient servant in Christ.

Jeff Alderson

2023 Church
Directories are now
available through the
church office.



Church Contacts

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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.)*

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

Brad Larsen, Property

John Barnes



CELEBRATIONS

May 3—Kyle Webster
May 4—Cassandra Dittmer
May 5 —Mitchell Rybarik
May 8—Mike Imhoff
May 9 —Zach Barnes
May 9 —Debra Borgardt
May 11 —Debra O'Connor
May 12 —Aaron Kechter
May 16 - William Mueller
May 19—Donna Meldgaard
May 20 —Jerod Alderson
May 29-Karen Fernandez
May 31—Grete Loschenkohl



June 5-Sharon Leger
June 7 —Bronn Dittmer
June 11 —Dennise Munch
June 13 —Ingeborg Stauersbol
June 26—Dan Hagerman
June 26 —Magnus McGaughey
June 28—Anita Nielsen
June 30 —Shelly Alderson

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



May 10 - Jason & Jessica Kechter
May 20—Glen & Donna Meldgaard
May 22—Mike & Kelly Imhoff
May 25—Zach & Savannah Barnes

June 7 - Tom & Dodi Schoff
June 9—Don & Julie Hansen
June 12— Don & Lisa Rybarik
June 14—John & Robin Barnes
June 19—Ed & Jacci Young
June 20—Rick & Vicki McGaughey
June 21— Bill & Liz Krause

EASTER FLOWERS

JESUS IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!!

Through his beauty and glorious creation we remember Jesus and those we love with the flowers decorating the church today.

In Loving Memory of:

Irma & Alan Anderson by their family,

My parents Burt & Janet Kinzler & my sister Terri Jones by Julie Hansen,

My husband Byrl Liston by Bettie,

Family members by Erik & Grete Hansen,

My parents, Abdul Majeed, Clarence & Danny Mayfield by Jacque Majeed,

My grandma Peg by Willy Mueller,

My mom, my father, and my daughter Helen by Brad,

Our parents Scott & Pam Kechter by Tom & Vicki Thiery,

My husband Keith, his parents Dale & Edith, my parents Curt & Barb and my granddaughter Grace by Cathi,

In Honor of:

My daughter Kim & my Son Tom by Anita Nielsen,

Loved ones, by the Aldersons,

To the Glory of God by Bonnie Jensen

OUR SYMPATHY



Our deepest Sympathy to **Bonnie Jensen and family** on the loss of her son, James (Jamie) D. Oberholtzer. Jamie passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday April 11th, 2023. His funeral was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m. at Bethania Lutheran Church in the Hearth room with Pastor Brad Brown officiating.

Our deepest Sympathy to **Mickey, Katie & Peter Monefeldt** on the loss of their husband/father, Carl Monefeldt. Carl passed away on Monday, April 17th, 2023 at Ascension Hospital with his family by his side. Carl's celebration of Life will be held on Saturday May 6, 2023 at Infusino's Banquet hall from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



WAYS TO HELP!

LAWN MOWING AND YARD WORK

YAY! For spring warm weather, birds, flowers, sunshine, and of course green grass and weeds.

There is a sign up sheet outside the hearth room if you would like to volunteer to help spend sometime outside in the yard mowing, weeding, edging, etc.

Any questions contact Brad, church property.



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

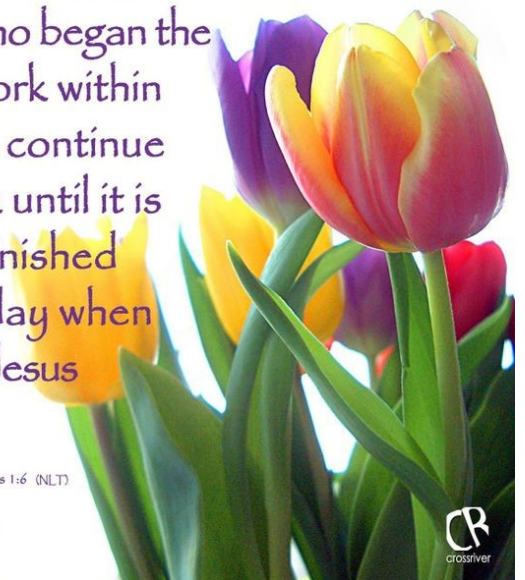
MOW THE LAWN

JOIN THE CARE & CONCERN TEAM (Visit our Members)

REMEMBER YOUR OFFERING (Pays the Bills)

And I am certain that
God, who began the
good work within
you, will continue
his work until it is
finally finished
on the day when
Christ Jesus
returns.

~Philippians 1:6 (NLT)



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A BIBLE STUDY IS COMING...

Beginning mid– May we will be re-summing our Bible Study.

Please watch the bulletins for more information.

LACE UPDATE

The LACE Committee will be meeting Sunday, May 7 following worship to go over the scholarship applications.

The hope is to present the recommendations to council at the May 9 council meeting. And get a Congregational meeting set for June.

Please watch the bulletin for more details on the congregational meeting.



CALLING ALL 2023 Graduates!



If you have any one in your family that will be graduating in 2023 please let the church office know. We would like to acknowledge their accomplishments.

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