



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"

July -August 2023



I have had several instances recently where it has been reinforced with me that prayer is a powerful thing. I have a co-worker who is a combat veteran and has a very confident personality. Several months ago, his wife learned that cancer had returned to her body. They both knew what that meant from her first experience with cancer. He shared with me what was happening and that he would need time off here and there to help his wife. In telling him that there was no problem working with his schedule to help out, I mentioned that I would be praying for him and his wife. Just this week, he shared that his wife's procedure had been successful, and several tests confirmed the cancer had not spread and was now in remission. In his thanking the people he works with for their

support, he specifically pointed out how much the prayers offered had meant to him and his wife. The mentioning of prayers was not totally expected, coming from the rugged, independent type person that my co-worker is. Yet it was a very sincere heartfelt appreciation for all those praying for his wife's health.

Prayer is a very complex thing when you think about all those it impacts and in all the different ways it does so. Prayer in its most basic form is simply our messaging to God. That alone makes prayer a very special thing. But Prayer does so much more than that. Prayer provides hope to those praying and to those receiving prayer. From my example above, a not so religious person still found great comfort in knowing friends and acquaintances were praying on his behalf. Prayer is an extension of love for others in the way Jesus taught us to love others. So, I would ask everyone to keep on

OUR MEMBERS



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Thank you for your prayers and concerns. And for singing “Borning Cry” the Sunday after Carl passed. Carl asked for that song early in his illness. I know he;s at peace— he passed with a slight smile on his face. He passed at home which he asked for the day before he was released from the hospital.

*Thank you again.
Mickey Monefeldt
and Katie Monefeldt.*

CONFIRMATION/YOUTH

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		

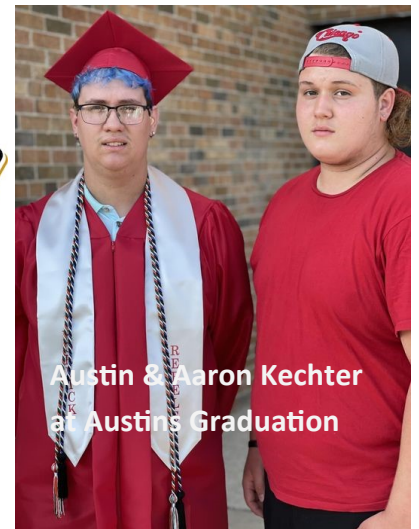


High School:

Camren McIntosh, Horlick High School

Austin Kechter, Horlick High School

Logan Schoff, Lutheran High School



Austin & Aaron Kechter
at Austin's Graduation

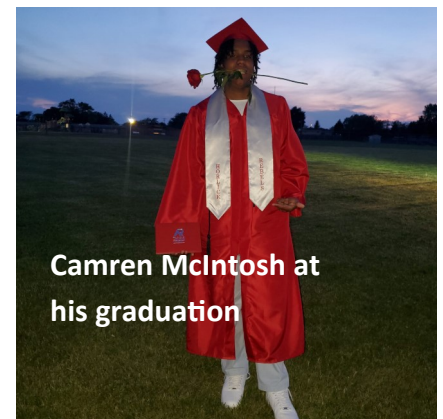


Logan Schoff receiving
his diploma

8th Grade:

Aaron Kechter

Dominic Shawhan



Camren McIntosh at
his graduation

MINUTES OF THE SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2023 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Members Present: 29

Meeting called to order at 10:21 a.m.

There is one agenda item and that is the approval of the LACE Scholarship applications.

The LACE Committee received 8 applications for Scholarships. Of those 8 – 2 were incomplete.

The LACE Committee presented to the council on May 9th the six applicants for approval and all six were approved. The LACE Committee would now like to present the congregation with the same six applicants for approval:

2nd year applicants:

Molly “ Core” Miller, student at UW Whitewater studying Theatrical Performance .

Roman Tenuta, student at Carthage College studying Criminal Law.

Cesare Tenuta, student at UW Parkside studying Accounting.

Calaway Alderson, student at Milwaukee School of Engineering studying Mechanical Engineering.

1st Year Applicants:

Grace Schmitz, 2023 graduate of Case High School . She will be attending Marquette University to study marketing and environmental health.

Margarette (Maggie) Fischer, 2023 Graduate of St Catherines High School. She will be attending Marquette University to study Mechanical Engineering.

No Discussion

Motion to approve the Scholarship applications as presented. Motion made by Kelly Imhoff. Seconded by Jahn Barnes and a couple others.

29 Yea. 0 No and 0 Abstains

Motion to approve the adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Kelly Imhoff. Seconded by Several people.

29 Yea. 0 No and 0 Abstains

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

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.

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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,
Anita Nielsen,
Grete Loschenkohl,
Glenn Loschenkohl,
Bonnie Jensen
Heather Joshi
Brad Larsen
Munch, Christine, Suzy

WORSHIP

Date	Worship Leader	Communion Assistant	Reader	Acolyte	Offering Present-er during offertory	Building Host
7/2	Pastor Brad Brown	John Barnes Brad Larsen	Anne Woodward	Dominic Shawhan	John Barnes	John Barnes
7/9	Pastor Brad Brown	Vicki Thiery Julie Hansen	Vicki Thiery	Eli Imhoff	Ed Young	Ed Young
7/16	Pastor Brad Brown	Kelly Imhoff Jeff Alderson	Kelly Imhoff	Brooke McIntosh	Kelly Imhoff	Kelly Imhoff
7/23	Pastor Bob Trendel	Brad Larsen Anita Nielsen	Anita Nielsen	Dominic Shawhan	Brad Larsen	Brad Larsen
7/30	Pastor Bob Trendel	Jeff Alderson Calaway Alderson	Jeff Alderson	Eli Imhoff	Aldersons	Aldersons
8/6	(Open)	John Barnes Robin Barnes	Anne Woodward	Brooke McIntosh	John Barnes	John Barnes
8/13	(Open)	Julie Hansen Vicki Thiery	Julie Hansen	Dominic Shawhan	Ed Young	Ed Young
8/20	Pastor Kelly Taylor Schaus	Kelly Imhoff Jerod Alderson	Kelly Imhoff	Eli Imhoff	Kelly Imhoff	Kelly Imhoff
8/27	(Open)	Brad Larsen Anita Nielsen	Brad Larsen	Brooke McIntosh	Brad Larsen	Brad Larsen

CHANGE TO THE WORSHIP LEADER LIST (abovr)

At the Congregational meeting in January, congregation members were asked to fill out forms with their contact information and a check off area of things they were willing to help with. Since no one has been signing up so the council decided that we would just assign people a Sunday. If for some reason you can't do your Sunday please find someone to switch with and/or notify the office. By having people signed up for certain worship jobs helps alleviate the supply pastors worries about if anyone is helping. A list for the next 2 months is on the bulletin board outside the hearth room and it will also be in the Blade.

Church Business

Date	In Person	Face-book	Giving
May 7	26	36	\$1,312.00
May 14	30	32	\$1,275.00
May 21	21	No Stream	\$ 324.00
May 28	25	21	\$ 665.00
June 4	31	27	\$2,517.00
June 11	19	22	\$ 501.00
June 18	23	27	\$ 516.00
June 25	22	No Stream	\$ 944.18

2023 Church Directories are now available through the church office.

SECRET PRAYER PARTNERS

Lets have a little fun!

To participate you will need to sign up on a Secret prayer partner form beginning July 2nd. Then on July 30 we will draw the names for the partners. From August 1st until December 17 your mission will be to pray for your assigned prayer partner. You can leave them gifts or cards to let them know you are thinking of them but you must try not to reveal who you are until the December 17th reveal event.

Your Secret Prayer Partner Leader

Church Contacts

Bethania Lutheran Church

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Church Email: Bethania@wi.twcbc.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.)*

Cathi Webster, Administrative Assistant
Willy Mueller, Church Musician
Mike Imhoff, Maintenance

COUNCIL

Jeff Alderson, President

Cathi Webster, Secretary

Shelly Alderson

Kelly Imhoff, Vice President

Ed Young, Treasurer

Brad Larsen, Property

John Barnes

CELEBRATIONS



7/1—Rachel Rybarik
7/2—Glen Meldgaard
7/6 –Jeffrey Munch
7/6—Missy Putzer
7/9 –Karl Ernst
7/10—Lisa Rybarik
7/12—Peter Monefeldt
7/13—Joyce Thomsen
7/14 –Ed Young
7/17 –Kelly Imhoff
7/17 –Dennis Dragan
7/20—Jackson Barnes
7/21—Jeff Alderson



On July 22nd, **Jeff & Dennise Munch** will celebrate their **28th** wedding anniversary!

On July 27th, **Karl & Mary Ernst** will celebrate their **49th** wedding anniversary!

Congratulations!

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



8/14—Camden Barnes
8/16—Etta McGaughey
8/17—Thomas Schoff
8/19—John Barnes
8/19—Cameron Kechter
8/23—Brooke McIntosh
8/29 –Mary Ernst
8/30—Liz Krause



On August 4th, **Dan & Kim Drasen** will celebrate their **37th** wedding anniversary!

On August 10th, **Erik & Grete Hansen** will celebrate their **55th** wedding anniversary!



Congratulations!

praying. Please reach out to our Prayer Chain at Bethania and see how you can be part of it.

On a different topic, Brad and I attended the Milwaukee Synod Assembly during the first weekend of June. If you were interested in the agenda or any topics covered, a program for the event is in the Hearth Room. Of course, you can direct any questions to Brad or myself on how the event went. The Synod Assembly is much like Bethania's Annual Meeting. Constitutional updates were made. Reports were reviewed. Solutions that would help Bethania with its challenges were not on the schedule. That kind of work was taken up by Brad and me during the breaks between presentations. Made possible by a connection during the Assembly, I am meeting with another Council President for a Racine church in order to discuss whether there are ways we can help each other.

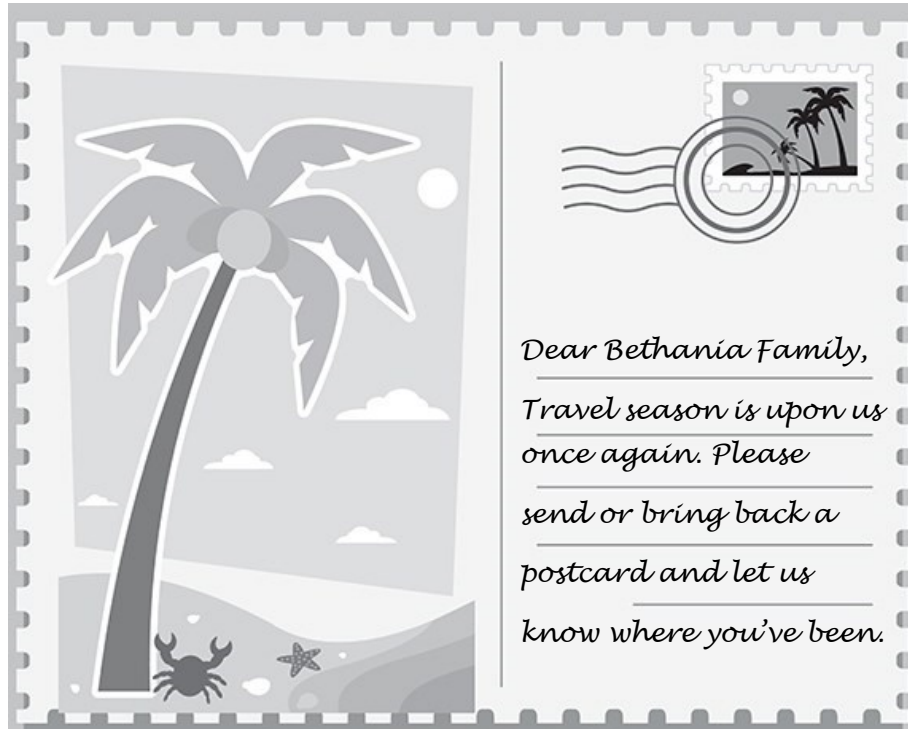
And finally, Summer is upon us, and fun events are approaching. Please check your calendars for July 30, 2023. On that day, we will be having our next potluck after services. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and allow us to dine outside. The church has two outdoor shelters that can be

set up to keep the sun off your back and a cover over your dining table. The church will be providing fried chicken for an entrée and ice cream for a dessert. We ask that everyone brings a side dish or salad to make the meal more complete. Since it is Scholar Sunday there will be a cake for the Graduates and Scholarship recipients. The feedback from our first potluck was very positive from those that attended. As you would expect at Bethania, the fellowship that accompanied the meal was friendly and warming to the soul. See you at our potluck on Sunday, July 30th.

Your obedient servant in Christ.

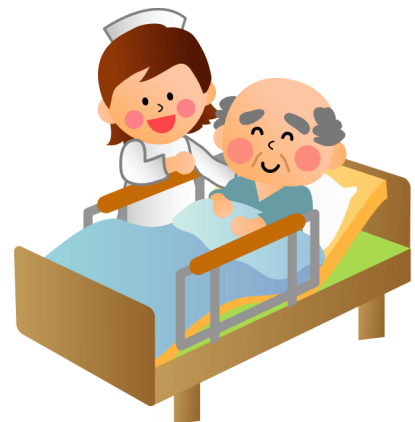
Jeff Alderson





ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL??

Please notify the church or have a family member notify the church at 262-632-7267. If no one answers please leave a voicemail, Cathi will be notified of the voicemail as soon as you leave it. Since 2019 the hospitals no longer notify the churches of hospital stays. Since Covid visitors are limited to close family and pastors/deacons of the church. We can bring communion to the hospital and approve it with the hospital staff, if it is desired. Questions?? Please call Cathi.



WAYS TO HELP!

LAWN MOWING AND YARD WORK

God has blessed us with warm weather, flowers, sunshine, and of course green grass and weeds. We could use some help keeping up with the yard this summer.

There is a sign up sheet outside the hearth room for mowing and edging. If you would like to volunteer to help spend sometime outside in the weeding please feel free to stop by and yank weeds whenever your schedule allows. 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:

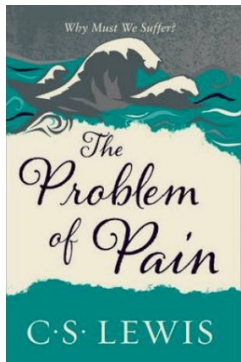
JOIN THE CARE & CONCERN TEAM (Visit our Members)

REMEMBER YOUR OFFERING (Pays the Bills)



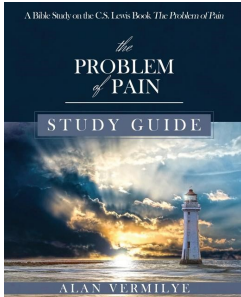
SCHOLAR SUNDAY WITH POTLUCK

Join us Sunday, July 30th as we recognize our 2023 Graduates and Award our 2023 LACE Scholarship recipients. Following worship will be our Chicken and Ice cream potluck. Members are asked to bring a side dish or salad. There will be a cake for the Graduates and Scholarship recipients.



NEW BIBLE STUDY -

Beginning Wednesday, July 12 at 4:30 P.M. in the Hearth Room we will be studying “The Problem with Pain” - Book by CS Lewis and Bible Study by Alan Vermilye. If you ever wondered “Why must Humanity suffer?” or “Why doesn't God alleviate our pain, even some?” this Bible study is for you. The cost for this study is \$25 which includes the CS Lewis book and the Bible Study Guide by Alan Vermilye.



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Place Stamps

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*God Be with
You Wherever
you Go.*

Genesis 28:15

