



# 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"

**September October 2023**



God's blessings on all who read this. First, I want to thank everyone who was in on the surprise birthday celebration for me during July. It was very unexpected and also very touching. The cards were awesome. Some were funny, some were artistic, some were very original, and all were full of love and thoughtfulness. And then there was the cake and other goodies. Thank you again for cheering up my day in such a thoughtful manner.

By the time you read this, you will probably have noticed all kinds of painting activity happening around the church. For months, the Church Council has been looking into how to repaint and repair the window frames and trim on the upper levels of the church. Bids that were coming in were in the neighborhood of \$17,000 and \$18,000. This was a neighborhood that was too difficult for Bethania to move into. Recently, one of the painting companies followed up with Bethania indicating that business has been slowing. In order to keep their crews busy, the contractor offered Bethania a 25% "Production Gap" discount. This dropped the price to \$12,700 and brings the cost of painting to a neighborhood more attractive for Bethania. I would like to ask all in the Congregation to consider making a special gift to Bethania to help with covering the cost of the painting job. Any little bit will help with Bethania taking advantage of this special pricing.

On a different topic, I will be attending a meeting of the southern churches within the Milwaukee Synod before the end of August. I expect the topics to be discussed to include Pastoral vacancies, Pastoral

Care, and other small parish concerns. If those issues are not on the agenda, I will be bringing them up on Bethania's behalf. I want to thank Pastor Allison for providing Bethania with a personal invite. For a meeting like this, it would be awful if Bethania was not in the know. Just in case anyone wasn't sure, Bethania has some very good friends that watch out for our Congregation. I will be sure to brief the Congregation on anything that comes of this meeting.

And finally, Summer continues to go by whether we are ready or not. On Sunday, September 10, Bethania once again is hosting the Community Meal Site at Living Faith Church. The entrée is on order and other menu items are being collected. If you would like to help in any way, just let Shelly or myself know at church. The latest we have heard is that the meals will still be assembled in take out containers with the patrons picking up their meals at the church's back door. Then on the following Sunday, we get to celebrate Bethania with a meal. A church picnic is planned with the church providing sandwiches. Please bring sides, salads, and deserts for all to enjoy. These potlucks have been very popular with those who have attended. If you have not had a chance to do so yet, circle the date on your calendar so that you can join in. The food has been plentiful and delicious. More importantly the fellowship has been loving and entertaining. Laughter and smiles were all around and not just due to having good food to eat. See you at the Bethania Church Picnic on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Your obedient servant in Christ.

*Jeff Alderson*

# OUR MEMBERS



Congratulations to Jerod Alderson and Ana Ivanic who were married on Saturday August 5, 2023.



Please change Tom's address in your directory to:

Tom Nielsen

Prospect Heights

2015 Prospect Street #14

Racine, WI 53405



Congratulations to Noah Schoff on earning his EMT certification. 180 hours!! Well Done!



In case you needed a dose of cuteness to help you smile today—Here is grandma Dodi Schoff with her granddaughter Charlotte.



<—Charlotte again

# CONFIRMATION/YOUTH



**September 17, 2023**—after worship In the Pastors office with Pastor Kelly Taylor-Schaus. Pastor Kelly will be confirming the 2nd year Confirmation students on Sunday, October 29th. She would like to meet with them first.

**October 15, 2023**—after worship in the Sunday school room across from the office. The students will be decorating their confirmation stoles. Which they will wear on their Confirmation Day , Sunday October 29, 2023.

In preparation for their Confirmation each student is asked to write a Faith statement and chose a bible verse that has special meaning to them. These must be completed and chose by October 15.



# Acolyte Schedule

September 3	Dominic Shawhan
September 10	Eli Imhoff
September 17	Brooke McIntosh
September 24	Dominic Shawhan
October 1	Eli Imhoff
October 8	Brooke McIntosh
October 15	Dominic Shawhan
October 22	Eli Imhoff
October 29	Brooke McIntosh



Please join us  
 Sunday, October 29, 2023  
 To celebrate the confirmation of:

**Eli Imhoff**  
**Brooke McIntosh**  
**Dominic Shawhan**

9:30 am -Confirmation Worship  
 10:30 am -Cake Reception in the  
 Hearth Room

# 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](mailto: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

Missy, Illiana, Junior,

Jeff L., Kim Drasen, Jackie,

Kevin & Shelly,

# WORSHIP

Date	Worship Leader	Communion Assistant	Reader	Acolyte	Offering Present-er during offertory	Building Host	Coffee Hour	Altar Flowers
9/3	TBD	Jeff Alderson Calaway Alderson	Anne Woodward	Dominic Shawhan	Aldersons	Aldersons	Anita Neilsen	Youngs
9/10	Pastor Grant Quever	John Barnes Robin Barnes	John Barnes	Eli Imhoff	John Barnes	John Barnes	Altar Guild	
9/17	Pastor Kelly Taylor Shaus	Julie Hansen Vicki Thiery	Vicki Thiery	Brooke McIntosh	Ed Young	Ed Young	Church Picnic	J. Majeed
9/24	TBD	Kelly Imhoff Jerrold Alderson	Jerrold Alderson	Dominic Shawhan	Kelly Imhoff	Kelly Imhoff		
10/1	TBD	Brad Larsen Anita Nielsen	Anne Woodward	Eli Imhoff	Brad Larsen	Brad Larsen		
10/8	TBD	John Barnes Robin Barnes	Robin Barnes	Brooke McIntosh	John Barnes	John Barnes		Webster
10/15	Pastor Kelly Taylor Shaus	Julie Hansen Vicki Thiery	Julie Hansen	Dominic Shawhan	Ed Young	Ed Young		Youngs
10/22	TBD	Kelly Imhoff Jeff Alderson	Kelly Imhoff	Eli Imhoff	Kelly Imhoff	Kelly Imhoff		Brad Larsen
10/29	Pastor Kelly Taylor Shaus	Brad Larsen Anita Nielsen	Anita Nielsen	Brooke McIntosh	Brad Larsen	Brad Larsen	Confirmation Reception	Bethania

# Church Business

Date	In Person	Face-book	Giving
July 2	21	14	\$11,882.00
July 9	24	30	\$ 863.00
July 16	19	32	\$ 681.00
July 23	37	41	\$1,186.00
July 30	39	0 no stream	\$ 405.00
August 6	10	21	\$1,092.00
August 13	19	27	\$ 580.00
August 20	22	17	\$1,185.00
August 27	19	0 no stream	\$ 465.00



## SECRET PRAYER PARTNERS

Thank you to everyone who is participating in the Secret Prayer partner program. We hope you have already been in secretly in contact with your partner and have been letting them know you are praying for them. You may choose to leave/mail cards or small surprises for your partner; it is really up to you. Its all in what YOU make it.

Your Secret Prayer Partner Leader



# Church Contacts

## Bethania Lutheran Church

4120 Wright Avenue

Racine, WI 53405

262-632-7267

Church Email: [Bethania@wi.twcbc.com](mailto:Bethania@wi.twcbc.com)

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.)*

Cathi Webster, Administrative Assistant

William 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

## September Birthdays

2—Bill Krause  
4—Cassie Vassar  
4—Kurtis Webster  
6—Logan Schoff  
8—Calaway Alderson  
8—Camren McIntosh  
8—Brittany McIntosh  
14—Sara Hagerman  
14—Dakota Kechter  
17—Anne Woodward  
19—Cathi Webster



## October Birthdays

5—Ripley McGaughey  
9—Jean Dragan  
12—Ashley Borgardt  
12—Meagan Borgardt  
12—Eli Imhoff  
13—Marilyn Peterson  
16—Nicole Bichner  
18—Andrew Drasen  
23—Elliott Young

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



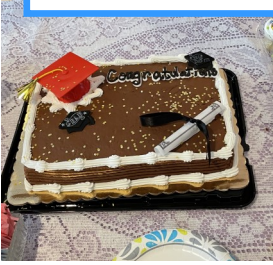
## September

16—Rob & Deb Borgardt  
19—Jeff & Shelly Alderson  
30—Jim & Sharon Leger

## October

4—Dan & Sara Hagerman  
12—Tom & Vicki Thiery

# SCHOLAR SUNDAY!



On July 30 we celebrated our Scholars!

Those who graduated in 2023 and those who received LACE Scholar-

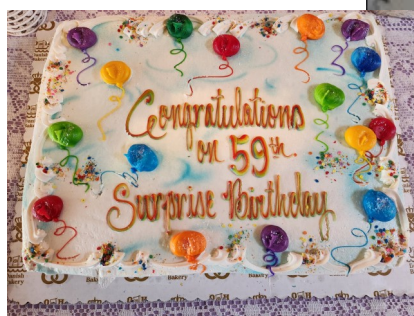
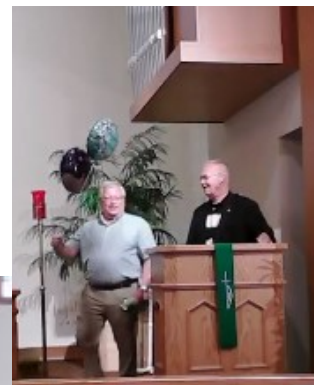
ships.

The LACE Committee had received 8 applications but only 6 were complete applications. The applicants with complete applications were approved by the LACE Committee, the church council and the Congregation. Congratulations to those recipients: Calaway Alderson, Maggie Fischer, Molly "Core" Miller, Grace Schmitz, Roman Tenuta and Cesare Tenuta.



# SURPRISE!

We pulled off 2 Surprise Birthdays....one for Willy's 30th birthday where his mom preached all the way from Arizona. And Jeff's 59th birthday...60 would have been too obvious.







# Bethania Lutheran CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 17th  
following worship

4120 Wright Avenue, Racine 53405

*Sandwiches and drinks provided*

*Please bring a side dish or a dessert.*

## 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!

Please join us on September 24th for our clothing changeover from summer to fall. It's been a beautiful summer, we hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy some warmth and sunshine. Our families that visit us for their clothing needs will soon need warmer clothing items so this is the time when we ask for your assistance. We will once again have pizza and great conversation following, so please consider heading up to the second floor after service to unpack boxes and totes. Pick up some coffee in the Hearth Room and join us. The sign up is on the board outside the Hearth Room.

Thank you,  
Jacci Young

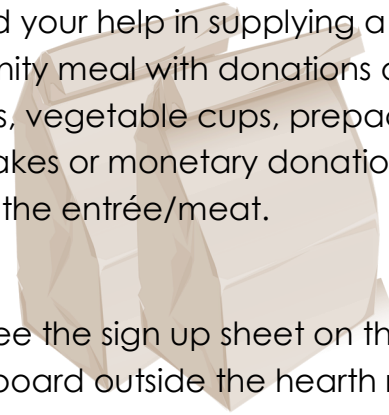


## BETHANIA HOSTS COMMUNITY MEAL

**ON SUNDAY September 10, 2022**

We need your help in supplying a meal for Community meal with donations of a fruit cups, vegetable cups, prepackaged snack cakes or monetary donation towards the entrée/meat.

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



### 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:

REMEMBER YOUR OFFERING (Pays the Bills)

Send a card to someone you haven't seen in awhile.

SERVE COFFEE HOUR/PROVIDE TREATS





## Thanksgiving Baskets



It's that time of year when we begin to think about collecting food items for the Thanksgiving baskets that we put together for families in need. Starting

Sunday, October 8th, please consider helping Bethania fill bags with groceries. There will be a green barrel marked "Thanksgiving Baskets" for you to fill.

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> canned vegetables

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> canned gravy

Oct. 22nd canned fruit

Oct 29th Mac' N cheese

Nov. 5th Peanut & Jelly

Nov. 12<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 helping to make Thanksgiving special for some families who are struggling. If anyone knows of a family that would benefit from a Thanksgiving basket, please let me know.

Jacci Young  
262-497-4284



***"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."***

**- Hebrews 13:16**



Loving And Caring Endowment

**NOW AVAILABLE:**

**NON- PROFIT GRANT**  
**APPLICATIONS**

Deadline is:

**OCTOBER 2, 2023**

**at 9:00 a.m.**

# September 2023

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