



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.”

March—April 2025

We apologize for the late printing of the March -April Blade. It is due to many factors. First, being my surgery which kept me in the hospital for 8 days (it was suppose to be a 1-2 day stay). At the time of printing I am still home taking it easy. It will take awhile to heal from the major surgery I had (Thoracotomy with diaphragm plication).

During this time we also entered the season of Lent which is keeping Pastor Paul busy with the additional mid-week Lenten service. If you haven't attended yet—please do so the schedule is on page 5. The schedule also includes Holy week this year.

Easter flower orders are due on Sunday, March 23, 2025. The order form can be found on page 14.

Happy Spring,
Cathi

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

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

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Pastors office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There is a sign up sheet for Altar flowers outside Pastors Office. You can bring your own flowers or we can order them from our florist. They are \$25 per arrangement. You can call or email the office with what you would like put in the bulletin.

An Irish Prayer

May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.

Remember the food pantry. Suggested items: Canned dinners, Peanut butter, toilet paper, hygiene items, soup, and pastas.



Date	Giving	In Person	Facebook
Jan 5, 2025			No Stream
Jan 12, 2025			78
Jan 19, 2025			No Stream
Jan 26, 2025		30	63
Feb. 2, 2025			91
Feb. 9, 2025			78
Feb. 16, 2025			97
Feb. 23, 2025			66

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

FAT SUNDAY AEBLESKIVER BRUNCH will be held on Sunday March 2, 2025 following worship.



Ash Wednesday
Worship

March 5, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Bethania Lutheran Church
4120 Wright Avenue
Racine, WI 53405

All Are Welcome!



SOUP LUNCH /DINNER
SIGN UP

Bethania hosts the Lenten Wor-
ship service on Wednesday
March 26, 2025. We need some
donations of soup, bread, milk

and dessert. If you are able to help out please fill out this sheet or
call the church office.

Name: _____

_____ I can bring soup. _____noon _____5:00 p.m.

_____ I can bring bread _____noon _____5:00 p.m.

_____ I can bring a dessert. _____noon _____5:00 p.m.

_____ I can bring bottled water _____noon _____5:00 p.m.

_____ I can bring a milk. _____noon _____5:00 p.m.

_____ I can help with set up/serving. _____noon _____5:00 p.m.

_____ I can help with clean up _____noon _____5:00 p.m.



Coming to Our Senses in Lent

Racine Collective Lent 2025

Wednesday Lenten Services: Noon lunch; 1pm worship
5pm dinner; 6pm worship
Lunch/dinner is soup/bread.

Theme: 5 Senses

- March 12 – Living Faith, 2915 Wright Avenue, Racine (touch)
- March 19 – Journey in Faith, 6767 Hwy 38, Franksville (sight & sound)
- March 26 – Bethania, 4120 Wright Avenue, Racine (taste)
- April 2 – United, 3825 Erie Street, Racine (guest speaker; evening only)
- April 9 – Redeemer, 2417 Drexel Avenue, Racine (smell)

Holy Week:

No Lunch/dinner for these services

- Maundy Thursday, April 17 - 1pm—United, 3825 Erie Street, Racine
- Maundy Thursday, April 17 - 6pm Redeemer, 2417 Drexel Avenue, Racine
- Good Friday, April 18 - 1pm Journey in Faith, 6767 Hwy 38, Franksville
- Good Friday, April 18 - 6pm Bethania & Living Faith, 2915 Wright Avenue, Racine

MARCH & APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

Date	Communion Assistant	Reader	Acolyte & Offering Pre-senter	Building Host
March 2	Julie Hansen Vicki Thiery	Anne Woodward	Ed Young	Ed Young
March 9	Kelly Imhoff Jerod Alderson	Jerod Alderson	Kelly Imhoff	Kelly Imhoff
March 16	Brad Larsen Jeff Alderson	Brad Larsen	Brad Larsen	Brad Larsen
March 23	Jeff Alderson Brad Larsen	Jeff Alderson	Jeff Alderson	Jeff Alderson
March 30	John Barnes Robin Barnes	John Barnes	John Barnes	John Barnes
April 6	Julie Hansen Vicki Thiery	Anne Woodward	Ed Young	Ed Young
April 13	Kelly Imhoff Jerod Alderson	Kelly Imhoff	Kelly Imhoff	Kelly Imhoff
April 20 EASTER	Brad Larsen Jeff Alderson	Anita Nielsen	Brad Larsen	Brad Larsen
April 27	Jeff Alderson Brad Larsen	Jeff Alderson	Jeff Alderson	Jeff Alderson

March & April Readings

DATE	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
March 2, 2025	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalms 99	2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2	Luke 9:28-43a
March 9, 2025	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
March 16, 2025	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalms 27	Philippians 3:17—4:1	Luke 13:31-35
March 23, 2025	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalms 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
March 30, 2025	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalms 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
April 6, 2025	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalms 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
April 13, 2025	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14—23:56
April 20, 2025	Acts 10:34-43	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12
April 27, 2025	Acts 5:27-32	Psalms 118:14-29	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31



If you have anyone you would like to have added to the prayer chain please contact Kelly Imhoff at 262-554-1558, the church office 262-632-7267 or by email: bethaniaprayer-chain@wi.twcbc.com

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

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Cans FOR K-9's



We are still collecting aluminum cans to help support the Racine County K-9 program.

EMPTYES FOR CASH

We recently found out that this program has ended so we are no longer collecting inkjet cartridges.

Please recycle them at your local office supply store (Office Depot or Office Max)

Thank you!



Is Bethania a welcoming community?

When considering whether we would should pursue being a Reconciled In Christ (RIC) Community we need to think about it in this way...

Imagine what God might say to someone who mistreats LGBTQ+ individuals or people of a different race with our words or actions, it would likely be a message of correction love and a call to repent.

We need to remember what God said:

♥ I created ALL people in my image, and every person is precious to me. When you mistreat an other, you dishonor the blessedness I have placed in them.

♥ "Love is the highest commandment, to mistreat or harm someone because of their identity is to turn away from the love I have called you to show"

♥ When your actions have caused pain and division. Turn away from hatred, seek forgiveness and repair the harm you have done.

♥ Learn to see others as I see them – worthy of dignity, love and compassion.

♥ I stand against those who oppress or mistreat others. Justice and mercy are my ways, and I call to you to walk in them.

♥ Discrimination, hatred and violence break my heart. They are not of me and they have no place in the world that I desire for all people.

♥ EVERY person, regardless of their race, gender or identity is part of the human family. I call you to build bridges and not walls.

♥When you harm one of my children, you harm me. When you love them, you show your love for me.

Messages from God are urging humanity toward LOVE, JUSTICE, and PEACE. God wants us to reject HATRED, BIGOTRY, MISTREATMENT AND HARM toward others based on who they are.

As a child there was a saying, Sticks and Stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me. WORDS DO HURT .

Whether they are meant as a joke or to be mean. Sometimes its un intentional but they still hurt. We need to think about what we say before we say it no matter where we are - for we are God's children



Let us pray...

Dear God, Please help us to love one another and to be accepting of each other no matter what our differences are. Please help us to use kind words toward each other especially when other people's differences are hard for us to understand. Heal the hearts of people who have been hurt by the mistreatment of others for being of a different race, gender or identity. Help those who use words or actions of hate, and violence to see that they are hurting others and that this is not your way. But most of all ...Thank you, God, for loving us.

Amen.

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Emergencies: Call Cathi (262) 909-5369

Or Pastor Paul (269) 290-4533

Reverend Paul Nuechterlein, 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
John Barnes
Brad Larsen, Property



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.

Tom Nielsen
Prospect Heights
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Racine, WI 53404

Marilyn Petersen
Pleasant Point Senior
Living
8500 Corporate Drive
Racine, WI 53406

Grete Loschenkohl
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Joyce Thomsen
2935 Old Mill Drive
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2311 Thor Avenue
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Biscuits & Gravy Casserole

- cooking spray
 - 1 (10 ounce) can refrigerated biscuit dough (such as Pillsbury Grands!)
 - 1 (1 pound) bulk pork sausage
 - 1 ½ cups shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
 - 6 large eggs
 - ½ cup milk
 - salt and ground black pepper to taste
 - 1 ½ cups cold water, or more as needed
 - 1 (1.5 ounce) package pork gravy mix
1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.
 2. Line the bottom of the prepared baking dish with biscuits.
 3. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir sausage in the hot skillet until browned and crumbly, 5 to 7 minutes; drain and discard grease. Scatter sausage over biscuit layer and top with 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese.
 4. Whisk eggs, milk, salt, and pepper together in a bowl until well combined; pour over cheese layer.
 5. Mix water and gravy mix together in a saucepan; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until gravy is thickened, 1 to 2 minutes, adding more water for a thinner gravy. Pour gravy over egg layer. Sprinkle remaining 1/2 cup Cheddar cheese over casserole.
 6. Bake in the preheated oven until eggs are fluffy and cheese is bubbling, about 30 minutes.



Help Us Decorate the Church for Easter!

It's already that time of year. We are offering Mums, Geraniums and Easter Lilys for decorating the chancel. The cost of each plant is \$14.00, they will have a gold pot cover. Checks should be made out to Bethania Lutheran Church. Deadline to order is March 23, 2025.

_____ Mum (Yellow) x \$14.00 = _____

_____ Royal Geranium (Purple) x \$14.00 = _____

_____ Easter Lily (White) x \$14.00 = _____

Total: _____

In Memory of ;

In Honor of:

By: _____

_____ cash

_____ check

EASY SLOWCOOKER CORN BEEF & CABBAGE

- 4 medium potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1 pound carrots, cut into large chunks
- 1 onion, cut into wedges
- 3 cups water
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 (3 pound) corned beef brisket with spice packet, cut in half
- 1 small head cabbage, cut into wedges

1. Gather all ingredients.

2. Place potatoes, carrots, and onion into a 5-quart slow cooker. Combine water, sugar, vinegar, garlic, black pepper, bay leaf, and contents of spice packet in a small bowl; pour over vegetables. Top with beef brisket and cabbage.

3. Cover and cook on Low until beef and vegetables are tender, 8 to 9 hours. Remove bay leaf before serving.

Memorials

In Memory of James Thornton by Kathy Thornton

In Memory of James Thornton by Barbara Curry



3/2 - Vicki McGaughey

3/5 - Caitlin Webster

3/6 - Etta McGaughey

3/8 - Austin Kechter

3/15 - Vicki Thiery

3/17 - Jordan Kechter

3/21 - Jacob Imhoff

3/21 - Marion Jensen

3/21 - Evelyn Munch

3/25 - Alyssa Munch



4/1 - Tom Nielsen

4/4 - Lily Weaseman

4/6 - Luke Hagermann

4/7 - Gilbert Jensen

4/12 - Aaron Kechter

4/18 - Jeanne Kutka

4/21 - Dominic Shawhan

4/30 - Tyrion Dittmer



Our deepest Sympathy to Shelly & Jeff Alderson and family on the loss of her step mother, Clara Landon on January 21, 2025. Services will be held in the Spring.

Our deepest Sympathy to Shelly & Jeff Alderson and family on the loss of her Aunt Irene Seippel on February 3, 2025. Her funeral was held on Monday, February 10, 2025 in Lancaster, WI.

Our deepest Sympathy to Brad Larsen on the loss of his friend Sheri Parrish Sheri passed away after a short battle with brain cancer. His funeral was held in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Jeff & Sue O., Bonnie, Anita, Grete L., Bettie, Jean D.,
Brad L. , Tom N., Cathi, Jim & Sharon L., Melanie W.,
Ingaborg, Ed & Jacci, Susan, Heather

MARCH 2025

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April 2025

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