

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT...

During the month of April there was quite a mix of weather. After that crazy snowfall on April 15, spring finally showed up. Now most of us have raked, dethatched, fertilized and mowed our lawns. With that, I think it is safe to say Spring is here! From a personal standpoint, Barb and I, along with Diane and Steve Marotz took a three-day "car-trip" to Kentucky beginning on April 28. Our destinations were the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum. We spent one day at each. I know that some of our members have also had this experience. We all came home with lots of "Wow" in our memories. There was a lot to see, a lot to read, but so much great information about the building, stocking of supplies and loading of all the different animals onto



Noah's Ark in addition to the Biblical interpretation of the earth and how old it really is. The Creation Museum, to me, magnified the size and scope of the universe. It made me feel as if my understanding of God's infinite handiwork turns out to be quite infantile. It is most humbling and clearly makes our faith in God the only real answer any of us will ever have for what is all out there. I am very happy that some of our Bethany young people and their parents, along with Pastor Steele, will be taking this trip in June. May they always remember what they will see.

Speaking of our Youth, didn't they do a great job on Mother's Day? It is refreshing to see the way the children respond to these periodic calls to participate in our Church Services. We also should recognize the Pastor, Sunday School staff and Music Department for their patience and knowledge to bring out the talents in these kids. I think there were a lot of proud Moms in the pews the morning of May 13 at Bethany. Thanks to all.

Then on Tuesday, May 15, Karl Kaeppler rounded up about 15 men to enjoy breakfast at Whispering Orchards. A short lesson was presented followed by food and fellowship. Thanks for organizing this Karl. If you have not come to one of these in the past, but, are interested in joining this event in the future, watch for the announcements and signup sheet.

The Movie Night on May 18 was a great success with 29 attending, thanks again Gina and your crew.

Also, nice work to Andy Fibiger and the Board of Trustees for searching and securing a cleaning service for Bethany. This is to replace some of our volunteers who wished to "retire". Thanks to the Bartz's, the Buesings, Barb Gumm, Derek MacKenzie, the Kaepplers, Roger Strenger and Judi Strenger for their years of dedicated cleaning in different areas of the church. The new service will begin on June 1.

We are getting closer to a more permanent solution to our sound system problems of the past. Pastor has been doing some research and a conclusion is not far off. Thanks Pastor.

Please take a few minutes, on Memorial Day, to ponder the connection between your daily freedom and those who fought and died to get us there and those who fought and died to keep it for all of us. It is a national treasure not too many countries have. It is also appropriate at this time to congratulate Sarah Steele who has graduated from Captain School in Fort Lee, Virginia on May 24. Pastor and Julie attended the ceremony. Her next assignment will be in Anchorage, Alaska. Best wishes to her and *Thank You*, Sarah, for your service to our country.

Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on June 14, 1777. She survived many battles and storms over the centuries. She waves soothingly in the breeze as if saying "I am here today and I will be here tomorrow". Our land has been richly blessed by God Almighty and we should take note of it each and every time we see that "Ole Glory". I still get chills as I drive past Acuity just east of I-43. The enormous flag can be seen for miles around. It is truly an icon in our county. It is by the Grace of God that we are in our 242nd year as a nation, "One Nation Under God". May we always remain that way, it is vital, since that was the way we were created and hopefully (and prayerfully) that will always be our foundation. Happy Flag Day.



Father's Day is June 17. It is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. The first observance of a "Father's Day" was held on July 5, 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Today, it is observed in more than 40 countries around the world. Lord's blessings to all of the Fathers here at Bethany. You are an important element in the lives of your children. This is also a time to reflect back, for those whose Fathers are no longer with them. May the memories and values instilled by them be a part of you that will never fade away.

The Lord's Blessings to the Bethany Family.

Lee Gumm
President, Bethany Lutheran Church

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6-3: Jack O'Keefe
6-4: Rachel O'Keefe
Winston Hasler
6-5: Geno Mueller
6-7: Lynn Luebke
Isaac Hasler
6-8: Austin Madden
6-9: Jill Mengel
6-10: Victor Hazen
Pat Stangel
6-11: Audrey Sabrowsky



6-12: Tyler Prange
6-16: KaoKalia Yang
6-17: Betty Hahn
6-19: Barbara Kaeppler
6-20: Nancy Froh
6-22: Norbert Sternitzky
6-26: Donna Gauthier
6-27: Jim Brandt
Barbara Strenger
6-29: Mia Prange
Jason Mengel

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6-1: Rick & Laurel Schmiede
6-2: David & Tamra O'Keefe
6-08: Joe & Alison Johnson
6-15: Jim & Mary Madden
6-17: Steve & Juanita Hazen
6-20: Jeremy & Kelly Paltzer
6-22: Kevin & Sharon Werner
6-24: Lee & Barbara Gumm
6-26: Bob & Sandy Kuehlmann
6-30: John & Peggy Keller

If we missed a member's birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office and let us know.

MAY/JUNE CHARITY OF THE MONTH – Vernacular Video Mission International (VVMi)

“Whether hiking hours into mountain ranges or going by boat to small islands, the Gospel is being shared in remote areas of the Philippines through video and Scriptures and hundreds of people are responding and being discipled in places where the Lord has never before been praised.” We can help by giving of our gifts to the May and June Mission of the Month. Our donations will be used to help purchase Bibles which have been translated and are printed in vernacular (heart) languages. Christian videos which have been dubbed into “heart” languages are also used to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please be generous as you share in this important project.



SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

Just a reminder that our summer worship times are starting. Thursday night services are at 6:00pm starting May 31. Sunday services are at 9:00am starting May 27.

BETHANY'S 2018 GRADUATE



Victor Hazen – Graduating from Sheboygan Falls High School. Victor plans to attend Lakeshore Technical College in the fall to study IT.

Andrew Kraus – Graduation from Kohler High School. Andrew plans to attend Lakeshore Technical College in the fall to study Business Management.

Congratulations Victor and Andrew!!

✠ GIFTS GIVEN TO BETHANY

A Memorial gift in memory of Merrill Miller was received from Elsie Reinbacher.

If you would like to give a gift in memory or in honor of someone, cards can be found on the counter outside Pastor's office as well as in the back of church.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BETHANY MEMBERS!



Bruce & Cindy Fisher

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THE 2ND ANNUAL PUTT FORE LOVE MINI GOLF OUTING

JUNE 16
10 AM - 10 PM

LOCATION: HARBOR POINTE MINI GOLF

EVENT
FEATURING:

18 Holes of Golf
Photo Booth
Hole in One Contests
Prizes
Slushies

Harbor Pointe Miniature Golf is happy to team up with Love Inc of Sheboygan County to bring you the 2nd Annual Mini Golf Outing.

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VBS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Plan to join us for a week of fun at VBS this year! This year's program is being led by Vicar David Blas of the Spanish Ministry. It will be bilingual with the songs being in Spanish and everything else in English. Here are all the details:

When: June 11 – 15 from 1-3pm

Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sheboygan

Who: Children ages Kindergarten through 6th grade

Cost: FREE!

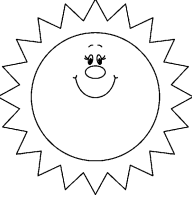
How to sign up: Soon online registration will be available on Lutheran High's website under the Current Events tab or you can get a registration form at Good Shepherd.

Many volunteers are still needed so if you'd like to help out, contact Gina in the church office.

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THE MONTH OF JUNE 2018

Sunday, June 3 9:00 a.m. (Holy Communion)	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Scripture Reader: Altar Guild: Bulletin Folder: Door Locker:	Steve Hazen, Todd Matte Group 5 – Lee Gumm, Steve Marotz, Victor Hazen Isabella Hasler Norm Giertz Kristi & Doug Luecke Dan Fibiger Steve Marotz
Thursday, June 7 6:00 p.m.	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte:	Gerry Luebke Group 6 – Ray & Shirley Ottman, Derek MacKenzie Noah Fibiger
Sunday, June 10 9:00 a.m.	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Scripture Reader: Altar Guild: Bulletin Folder: Door Locker:	Nic Collins Group 7 – Jerry Sabrowsky, Andy & Austin Fibiger Grace Matte Sharon Werner Gale & Lynn Litt Dan Fibiger Tom Schnettler
Thursday, June 14 6:00 p.m. (Holy Communion)	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Altar Guild:	Brian Faucher Group 1 – Ben Marotz, Tom Schnettler, Ivan Hazen Thomas Yang Marilyn Kirchenwitz, Lynn Luebke
Sunday, June 17 9:00 a.m. (Holy Communion)	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Scripture Reader: Altar Guild: Bulletin Folder: Door Locker:	Jim Madden, Steve Hazen Group 2 – John Keller, Dan Fibiger, Brian & Aiden Faucher Annalise Hasler Barbara Strenger Shirley & Ray Ottman Sue Prange Patrick Johnson
Thursday, June 21 6:00 p.m.	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte:	Nic Collins Group 3 – Doug Luecke, Ken Thompson, Karl Rademacher, Ron Hummitsch Noah Fibiger
Sunday, June 24 9:00 a.m.	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Scripture Reader: Altar Guild: Bulletin Folder: Door Locker:	Gerry Luebke Group 4 – Dave & Sue Prange, Lexie Matte Annalise Hasler Cindy Bartz Liz & Ken Buesing Sue Prange Ken Thompson
Thursday, June 28 6:00 p.m. (Holy Communion)	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Altar Guild:	Todd Matte Group 5 – Lee Gumm, Steve Marotz, Victor Hazen Luke Matte Gina Fibiger, Rachel Johnson

June 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 9am Worship w/HC	4 6pm Altar Guild	5	6	7 6pm Worship	8	9
10 9am Worship	11 1-3pm VBS @ Good Shepherd 6:30pm Elders	12 9:30am Quilting 1-3pm VBS @ Good Shepherd	13 1-3pm VBS @ Good Shepherd	14 1-3pm VBS @ Good Shepherd 6pm Worship w/HC	15 1-3pm VBS @ Good Shepherd	16
17 9am Worship w/HC Father's Day	18 5:45pm Bd of Ed 6:15pm Finance 7pm Council	19	20	21 6pm Worship	22	23
24 9am Worship	25	26 9:30am Quilting	27	28 6pm Worship w/HC	29	30