

PASTOR'S PAGE

My interviews continue with the families of our elementary and middle school age students that attend Bethany. This month we are featuring the Matte family of Howards Grove (H.G.) youngest daughter Grace. Todd and Dori Matte have three children Lexi (sophomore H.G.), Luke (incoming freshman H. G.) and Grace who attends Howards Grove Middle School. Grace's dad, Todd, works for the Kohler Company in the Generator division. Dori, Grace's mom, is the family transportation coordinator.



Grace has a best friend named McKenna. Her favorite food is "steak" and favorite dessert is "funnel cake". She loves baking "puff pastries". This past Easter she made "Easter bunny" cookies. She has played the flute the last two years of elementary school. She is very artistic. Last summer, she painted murals in the school halls. One of her murals can be seen in "Positivity Plaza" at the school.



She enjoys going to school in Howards Grove. She likes Math. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Holzmann who teaches Readers & Writers. She is an avid reader. She likes reading fantasy novels. One of her favorite

novels is "The War that Saved My Life". It is a "Cinderella-type" story about young girl named Ada who has a special need. She was born with a club foot. She has a mean mother. A war breaks out which frees Ada and her friend Jamie...I'll leave it up to you to find out the rest of the story" by reading it yourself. Back to Grace's life...

Grace is the youngest of 3. She says "She gets along with older siblings - Lexi and Luke." Don't let that adorable smile fool you, though. Being the youngest, she'll jostle with them, never getting a "yellow" or "red" card (that's soccer lingo). However, like any aggressive player, she needs to be wary of the refs (Mom and Dad). You see, Grace is following in Lexi's footsteps by playing soccer. Like Lexi, she plays midfield on her soccer team. In fact, her team recently won their division. Currently, she is not on a travel team, but it may be in her future.

She loves her family vacations. She has traveled to California, Florida, and Washington D.C. She loved going to Disney World, Orlando and Disney Land, Anaheim. She loves swimming at all the different hotels. As this article is being written she is vacationing with her family in Washington D.C. The Matte family was fortunate to get a tour of the Capital, the Pentagon, and the White House. It's very rare to get all three nowadays.



Grace went on our recent confirmation trip to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum. She was the group photographer and I cannot wait to see the photos. I thank her for taking time out on the confirmation trip to be interviewed. She gave up a little swim time but she was very gracious and accommodating to me and I thank her for her precious time in her busy summer schedule.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steele

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I heard good things about the kid's trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum. I am glad they had this experience and have great memories. Hopefully, they will have something to share at a future service.

Two weeks ago, I met with a friend at McDonalds for breakfast. Minutes later someone came in to place an order. He glanced over toward me and said, "Good Morning, Lee". To my great surprise, it was Pastor Mark Krueger, one of Bethany's former pastors. I invited him to sit with us. We caught up on a few things. He and Sandy were in the area, from Marshfield, to celebrate Sandy's mother's 96th birthday. He asked that I say Hi to everyone from Bethany. They are doing fine in retirement.

I know our new sound system was installed recently. I hoped to make it to observe part of that install, but, I was diverted into another direction and did not make it. This upgrade should help to eliminate some of the problems we had in the past and make things easier to work with videos and other devices.

I hope that all are enjoying the summer. Gardens are in and growing, lawns are being cared for and vacations either already taken or plans under way. Please stay safe as this summer unfolds. Enjoy your time with family and friends. May God's spirit enrich your days under the sunshine by calling your attention to the details he has provided in the wings of a colorful butterfly, the intricate parts of a flower and even the make-up of the fireflies.

Lastly, with Independence Day coming, appreciate the freedom this country has to offer. Happy 4th of July to all of you.



Happy 4th!

and may God Bless America!

Lee Gumm
President, Bethany Lutheran Church

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7-01: Cindy Bartz
7-02: Don Fischer
7-03: David Siech
7-04: Cheryl Prepster
7-08: Bob Kuehlmann
7-09: Katie Lacerda
7-10: Cooper Marotz
David Taylor
Rick Schmiede
Erin Berlin



7-11: Baylee Rivas
7-14: Leeah Rivas
7-16: Paul Havlinek
7-21: Mary Ann Fibiger
Jim Madden
7-29: Kya Diehl
Liz Buesing

JULY ANNIVERSARIES



7-05: Dave & Sue Prange
7-06: David & Sara Hasler
7-12: Tom & Joan Schnettler
7-28: Brian & Kristine Faucher
7-24: Steven & Diane Marotz
7-31: Ben & Abby Marotz

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

JULY/AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH – Lutheran Deaf Mission Society (LDMS)

It is estimated that approximately ninety-eight percent of Deaf people in the United States do not attend church. This is, in part, due to the limited number of deaf churches. While the number of full-time pastors serving Deaf churches has decreased, the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod has seen an increase in the number of Deaf pastors, deacons, deaconesses, and lay leaders who use sign language to communicate the Gospel message. This has happened because of programs like Deaf Pah and the Deaf Institute of Theology. LDMS will engage in evangelism and Christian education training to help Deaf Persons and their families see Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and engage in stewardship and leadership training to help Deaf Persons serve Jesus Christ. To learn more, visit their website at www.deafjesus.org

‡ A LOSS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Betty Bawden was called to her heavenly home on Sunday, June 24. Funeral services for Betty will be held on Friday June 29 at 11:00am with visitation starting at 10:00.

CONFIRMATION TRIP

Earlier in June, a few families attended the confirmation trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. It was an interesting, educational, faith-affirming experience for both the adults and the children. Everyone that went would like to thank the congregation for their support. The money that was raised during the Lenten Soup Suppers as well as various member donations and donations from Thrivent Choice Dollars helped fund this trip. Here are a few pictures from the trip. Also, look forward to a presentation during church from the students later in the summer.



DONATIONS FOR WEST FAMILY

Taylor West is a 9-year-old girl from Kohler who has epilepsy. Her family is trying to raise money to help pay for a service dog for Taylor that will help predict seizures and as well as help her in the event of a seizure. The church council has approved a donation for the family and a free will offering is also being taken in the back of church until Sunday, July 1. After that date, if you'd like to give, you can visit www.gofundme.com/taylorspawsability. You can also read more about Taylor's story there. Thank you for your support!

13th Annual Bethany Neighborhood Picnic

Sunday, September 9

11:00am - 3:00pm

(please note new date and time)

Bethany Lutheran Church



\$2 hamburger /hot dog meals

Food, Fellowship, Jumpin' Fun, Games for both young and old...and more!

All proceeds to benefit "Project Angel Hugs" - ministering to the emotional needs of children with cancer & their families.

Sign-up sheets are in the lower narthex for attendance and volunteer opportunities. Much help is needed to make the picnic a success. Please consider signing up for a shift.

CHURCH PICNIC COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS

Could you help out with prizes for games? We are looking for game prizes such as: small toys, crayons, school supplies, small snack items, candy, dolls, stickers, coloring books, small books, crafts, jewelry etc. These items should be new or very gently used and can be placed in the basket marked "church picnic prize donations" that can be found in the lower narthex. If you'd rather make a monetary donation towards prizes, you can place your money in the offering plate and mark it "church picnic prizes" or give to Gina in the church office. Thank you!

CHAPLAINCY MINISTRY BRAT FRY

Saturday, July 21, 2018 at The Plymouth Piggly Wiggly
Starting at 9:00am
Supporting The
Chaplaincy Ministry
For Health Care Centers

Take home some Tasty Johnsonville Brats, Burgers and
Homemade Bakery while supporting this mission
ministry.



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

Sunday, July 1 9:00 a.m. w/Holy Communion	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Scripture Reader: Altar Guild: Bulletin Folder: Door Locker:	Brian Faucher, Nic Collins Group 6 – Ray & Shirley Ottman, Derek Mackenzie Kaleb Faucher Lee Gumm Barb Gumm, Rayola Madson Dan Fibiger Dan Fibiger
Thursday, July 5 6:00 p.m.	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte:	Jim Madden Group 7 – Jerry Sabrowsky, Andy & Austin Fibiger Grace Matte
Sunday, July 8 9:00 a.m.	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Scripture Reader: Altar Guild: Bulletin Folder: Door Locker:	Steve Hazen Group 1 – Ben Marotz, Tom Schnettler, Ivan Hazen Thomas Yang Norm Giertz Sue Prange, Cheryl Prepster, Lois Schmideler Dan Fibiger Lee Gumm
Thursday, July 12 6:00 p.m. w/Holy Communion	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Altar Guild:	Gerry Luebke Group 2–John Keller, Brian & Aiden Faucher, Dan Fibiger Noah Fibiger Debbie & Steve Perry
Sunday, July 15 9:00 a.m. w/Holy Communion	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Scripture Reader: Altar Guild: Bulletin Folder: Door Locker:	Todd Matte, Brian Faucher Group 3 - Luecke, Thompson, Rademacher, Hummitzsch Isabella Hasler Sharon Werner Cindy & Gary Bartz Dan Fibiger Ryan Brooks
Thursday, July 19 6:00 p.m.	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte:	Nic Collins Group 4 – Dave & Sue Prange, Lexie Matte Luke Matte
Sunday, July 22 9:00 a.m.	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Scripture Reader: Altar Guild: Bulletin Folder: Door Locker:	Jim Madden Group 5 – Lee Gumm, Steve Marotz, Victor Hazen Ella Albert Barbara Strenger Kristi & Doug Luecke Dan Fibiger Steve Marotz
Thursday, July 26 6:00 p.m. w/Holy Communion	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Altar Guild:	Steve Hazen Group 6 – Ray & Shirley Ottman, Derek MacKenzie Thomas Yang Marilyn Kirchenwitz, Lynn Luebke
Sunday, July 29 9:00 a.m. (Holy Communion)	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Scripture Reader: Altar Guild: Bulletin Folder: Door Locker:	Gerry Luebke, Todd Matte Group 7 – Jerry Sabrowsky, Andy & Austin Fibiger Grace Matte Cindy Bartz Shirley & Ray Ottman Dan Fibiger Tom Schnettler

July 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9am Worship w/HC	2	3	4 	5 6pm Worship	6	7
8 9am Worship	9	10 9:30am Quilting	11	12 6pm Worship w/HC	13	14
15 9am Worship w/HC	16	17	18	19 6pm Worship	20	21
22 9am Worship	23	24 9:30am Quilting	25	26 6pm Worship w/HC	27	28
29 9am Worship w/HC	30	31				