

PASTOR'S PAGE

*****Pastor's interviews with the Sunday School children will resume in November with the interviews of Isabella and Annalise Hasler*****

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES IN OCTOBER

On Sunday Mornings at 8:45am, we continue to study "I believe But I have Questions" - This study is based on the book by Jane Fryar. The book explores the process of spiritual growth and the way to apply the Christian faith in everyday life.

October Questions:

- 10/7 Cain's Wife - Who was she?**
- 10/14 Are E.T.'s and UFO's Real?**
- 10/21 What Does God Expect of Me?**
- 10/28 How Can I Make My Life Count?**

I encourage young families whose children are in Sunday School to attend as well as adolescent or recent confirmands and of course I encourage are regulars to attend. It will be very low key. I have over 200 questions that I can cover in the class and these questions could spur on other questions.

Tuesday morning Men's Bible class – 8:00am

We continue to Study "Who are you? Groper, A Griper, A Grouper, or a Gripper. - A Call for a Christian Life-style." by Donald L. Deffner.

Tuesday evening Bethany Book Club – 7:00pm

The Bethany Book Club is reading "Redemptive Compassion" by Lois M. Tupy. It is a 6-week Bible Study for churches and church members involved in Love INC (Love in the Name of Christ). Bethany is affiliated with the Sheboygan County chapter of Love INC. We have members who actively volunteer for Love INC. I've been working with Katie Popp of St Paul's Sheboygan Falls who is the Executive Director of Love INC Sheboygan County to offer this class. I encourage all to attend. Love INC does so much in our community. Everyone has been given a spiritual gift let's learn together what God does through each of us.

Young Women's Bible Study

Attention young women and moms! Time for an hour away from the kids! Come spend some time with fellow moms and young women studying the women of the Bible. The goal of the study is to help women understand what the Bible says about being a woman. Since our culture has plenty to say about this subject, the course aims to help you identify the teaching of the world we live in and to defend, with confidence, the teaching of the Bible when the two stand in opposition. It also helps give us, as women, confidence to apply the Bible's truths in our daily lives and see that God's will is always for our best and His glory. Mark your calendars (and the hubby's) for **Thursday, October 18th at 6:30pm**. This month's class will be held at the home of Rachel Johnson (644 School St. in Kohler).

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steele

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT...

The Annual Church Picnic, September 9, was a nice warm day, sunny and filled with fun for all in attendance. Thanks to all those who helped from start to finish.

The September 17 Council Meeting included the first pass at the 2019 Budget which was presented by Ben Marotz of the Board of Finance. Next month this work will be complete and the membership will receive a copy to look at in preparation for the November 4 Voter's meeting. The Nominating Committee is also busy seeking out willing people to fill openings for officers and Board members. Please look at this as a two-way street. If you are interested in placing your name on the ballot, please contact Gerry Luebke or me.

Thanks to all of you who attended the Special Voter's Meeting on September 23. The Constitution revisions were approved with only one minor amendment. This document will be sent on to the District level next. I want to say thanks again to those who served on my Constitution Committee: Pastor Steele, Gerry Luebke, Gina Fibiger, Karl Kaepler, Laura Collins and Bob Wuerzberger.



Hurricane Florence:



We had a steady diet of news, photos and stories of Hurricane Florence this month. Major parts of three states are under water, at least for the time being. Forty-five people have died. Miles of roads were torn up, power lines down in many towns, rising rivers and thousands driven from their homes. Disaster teams are hard at work and assessments of the damages are being tallied. Just eleven months ago, Barb and I traveled through at least a dozen of the cities that have been highlighted in the news. In North Carolina, we had lunch at Wilber's in Goldsboro, passed through New Bern, Morehead City had a new bridge that was nearly

finished and then in Wilmington, we had a flat tire on our travel trailer. We spent some time at the Myrtle Beach State Park. Now as I have seen the flooding and destruction, I cannot help but wonder what those people are going through. Because our "news" moves on, this tragedy will soon be just another story and sadly, forgotten by most Americans. We know that the scars of Hurricane Katrina are still quite evident, with total healing not possible, but we are far enough away to not have the constant reminders. Nobody really knows what the effects of this storm will have. Everything we take for granted was affected. Who wants to buy a house in those areas now? What happens to the homes that were destroyed,

but not insured? How do supply trucks get into these cities and are the stores in flood plains? Will there be another storm or is this it for a while? Now the hardest part is waiting through the agonizingly long time for the flood waters to recede. I want to plant a seed with Bethany's Congregation. Because we have been so blessed, form a three person panel to explore ways that we can be helpful in some small way for disasters like Florence. Looking back, we could add the California Fires, Houston flooding, countless other natural disasters that took its toll on many parts of America in recent years. By ourselves, we cannot possibly have a large impact on these rebuilding efforts, but I like to think that others have the same idea, at times like this, and that when those unknowns are all added up, it does make a difference. I know that to do nothing is the easy path, but it is not what Christians do. I welcome your input. You may use my email (leemgumm@gmail.com) or just corner me sometime and we can talk. I will also explore the LCMS website and see if they have any efforts in place.

Lee Gumm
President, Bethany Lutheran Church

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10-01: Summer Menzer
10-04: Sandy Kuehlmann
Todd Matte
10-07: Don Weber
10-09: Sharon Werner
10-12: Katie Werner
Brenda Clifford
10-13: Lauren Miller



10-16: Karl Kaeppler
10-18: Lori Wychesit
Arlyne Weber
10-19: Brian Faucher
10-20: Margaret Faucher
10-22: Wyatt Collins
10-26: Abby Marotz
10-29: Sue Prange

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10-02: Dave & Roxanne Taylor
10-03: Brad & Ashley Cox
10-08: Marilyn & Louis Buell
10-16: Don & Arlyne Weber
10-18: Nic & Laura Collins
10-25: Randy & Traci Barthels
10-26: Pat & Joanne Stangel

If a birthday or anniversary has been missed, please let the church office know.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

During the months of September and October, any money received in the "Designated Offering" contribution envelope, will go to **Good News Jail and Prison Ministry** – Transforming lives behind bars here and around the world. By bringing the Holy Gospel to inmates, they are reaching those others may have forgotten. To learn more about Good News, visit their website at www.goodnewsjail.org



BETHANY'S NEWEST MEMBER

On August 19, Connor Paltzer, son of Kelly and Jeremy Paltzer and little brother of William Paltzer, was blessed with Holy Baptism becoming Bethany's newest member. Congratulations to the Paltzer family!

ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Bethany's Annual Voter's Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 4 following the 10:00am service. A potluck will follow the meeting. Watch for a signup sheet in the lower narthex.

LWML MITE BOX SUNDAY

The large LWML Mite Box will be out on Sunday, October 28. The Grant is designated for the "Food & Clothing Co-Op, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN". By supporting these seminary students and their families, we help further the ministry of the Word as they prepare to carry God's Word to the lost.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTING – END OF SEASON

The 2018 season of Bethany LWR Quilting has drawn to a close. The finished quilts will be displayed on October 7 and 14. If anyone would like to purchase a quilt to take home, the suggested donation is \$40 - \$45, which is used for shipping and supply costs. Please make checks payable to *Bethany Lutheran World Relief Quilters* and give to Barb Herzog, group treasurer, or to Gina in the church office.



RECOGNIZING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES ON NOVEMBER 4

During the service on November 4, we will recognize all couples that during the year of 2018 are celebrating a wedding anniversary ending in a "0" or a "5" (5th, 10th, 15th, 20th etc.). Please let Gina in the office know if you have one of these special anniversaries so your name can be included in the service bulletin. Thank you!



Fall Family Day

Bethany Lutheran Church

Saturday, October 6

2:30-6:30pm

Come and enjoy fall games, crafts, carriage rides around the village, cookie decorating, and more. Some activities will be outside so dress accordingly.

A Chili dinner will be served

Everyone is welcome and bring a friend!

Sign up on the sheet posted in the lower narthex
if you can make it.

VVMI REPRESENTATIVES TO VISIT BETHANY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

Colin Edwards, Executive Director of VVMI and Darwin Bayani, Director of VVMI in the Philippines will be at Bethany on Sunday, October 14th. They will be speaking to the children in Sunday School and to the Adult Bible Study about the Deditos Puppet Ministry (children's bible story videos), which is the children's Sunday School mission this year. They will also be giving a presentation during the church service to update us on their work in the Philippines as well as around the world.



Coffee Fellowship Table

The monthly Coffee Fellowship Table will be held downstairs in the fellowship hall following the church service where everyone will have a chance to meet Darwin and Colin and enjoy some special treats and snacks. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

MITTEN BASKET

Instead of a Mitten Tree, this year we will have a Mitten Basket. We are starting our collection early in order to get the much-needed items to those in need before winter. Please bring your donations of handmade or store-bought hats, mittens, gloves, blankets, and scarves to church and place them in the basket in the lower narthex. The items will be brought to the Salvation Army on November 1. Thank you!

REFORMATION SERVICE

Sunday, October 28th at 3:30 pm. The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation has passed, but the focus is still on Jesus as the source of mankind's salvation. The Service will be held at the Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts at 826 N. 8th St. in downtown Sheboygan. Rev. Jonah Burakowski, the South Wisconsin District Mission Executive, will be the guest preacher.

LHS HOLIDAY WREATH SALE

Lutheran High School will be offering the same selection of balsam wreaths, stars, crosses, candy canes and garland at the same prices as last year. Order deadline is October 19th and wreaths will be available for pickup at LHS on Saturday, November 24th from 9a - Noon. You can place an order via our online form or by downloading a printable form at www.lutheranhigh.com. Any questions, call the school office at 920-452-3323. The Sheboygan Lutheran Girls Basketball team thanks you and wishes you and your family a blessed upcoming Christmas season!



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

Sunday, October 7
10:00 a.m.
w/Holy Communion

Elders: Nic Collins, Jim Madden
Ushers: Group 1 – Ben Marotz, Tom Schnettler,
Ivan Hazen
Acolyte: Isabella Hasler
Scripture Reader: Sharon Werner
Altar Guild: Debbie & Steve Perry
Bulletin Folder: Joanie Schnettler
Door Locker: Dan Fibiger

Sunday, October 14
10:00 a.m.

Elders: Steve Hazen
Ushers: Group 2 – John Keller, Dan Fibiger,
Brian & Aiden Faucher
Acolyte: Kaleb Faucher
Scripture Reader: Steve Hazen
Altar Guild: Sue Prange, Cheryl Prepster, Lois Schmideler
Bulletin Folder: Joanie Schnettler
Door Locker: Lee Gumm

Sunday, October 21
10:00 a.m.
w/Holy Communion

Elders: Gerry Luebke, Brian Faucher
Ushers: Group 3 – Doug Luecke, Ken Thompson
Karl Rademacher, Ron Hummitzsch
Acolyte: Ella Albert
Scripture Reader: Cindy Bartz
Altar Guild: Kristine & Maggie Faucher
Bulletin Folder: Joanie Schnettler
Door Locker: Ryan Brooks

Sunday, October 28
10:00 a.m.

Elders: Todd Matte
Ushers: Group 4–Dave & Sue Prange, Lexie Matte
Acolyte: Annalise Hasler
Scripture Reader: Barbara Strenger
Altar Guild: Cindy & Gary Bartz
Bulletin Folder: Joanie Schnettler
Door Locker: Steve Marotz

October 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 3:30pm Confirmation 5/6 grade	2 8am Men's Bible Study 7pm Bethany Book Club	3 3pm Confirmation 7/8 grade 6pm Joy Choir	4 7:15pm Dartball (place TBD)	5	6 2:30pm Fall Family Day
7 8:45am Sunday School Bible Study 10am Worship w/HC	8 3:30pm Confirmation 5/6 grade 6:30pm Elders	9 8am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Quilting 7pm Bethany Book Club	10 3pm Confirmation 7/8 grade 6pm Joy Choir	11 7:15pm Dartball (place TBD)	12	13 3:30pm Bohm/ Kuchelmeister Wedding
14 8:45am Sunday School Bible Study 10am Worship 11am VVMI Fellowship	15 3:30pm Confirmation 5/6 grade 5:45pm Bd of Ed 6:15pm Finance	16 8am Men's Bible Study 7pm Bethany Book Club	17 3pm Confirmation 7/8 grade 6pm Joy Choir	18 6:30pm Young Women's Bible Study 7:15pm Dartball (place TBD)	19	20
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