

PASTOR'S PAGE



This month we resume the children of Bethany. However, we move from children to young adults who take on much responsibility: Isabella and Annalise Hasler. The Haslers joined Bethany from St. Charles, IL. David is an engineer for Kohler engines, and is an officer in the Naval Reserves. Sarah, a Graphic Arts major, is his beloved wife. She manages a household of six children and a Labrador named: "Ranger".

Isabella is the oldest of the Hasler clan. She is called on from time to time to babysit her baby sister Amelia. She is in the 8th grade at Immanuel Lutheran School in Sheboygan. Her home room teacher is Ms. Bahr. She loves all of her subjects in school, especially

the intimate surroundings of Immanuel. She likes that she knows everyone. She is challenged by Spanish. All of us would say studying a foreign language is hard. She was quite frank and stating that Spanish does not interest her, so in her spare time she takes it upon herself to do a self-study in French. She studies French from the "DuoLingo" app on her computer. I find this very unique, because when I was in eighth grade I had no interest whatsoever to study a foreign language let alone our native tongue—English.

She is an avid reader. She loves reading "SciFi" novels and historical fiction. Her favorite book in the Bible is 1 Corinthians. Her personal study of 1 Corinthians will surely prepare her for the world she will be entering. She loves playing the chimes and Bethany's friendly atmosphere.

She loves cinnamon rolls. She is an avid biker. She is a member of the Kohler summer swim team. She loves playing volleyball. She is a setter for Immanuel's "A" team. She attended the "Bump Up" volleyball camp that is held summers at Lutheran High. When driving by their house in Kohler, you'll see what I mean. This past summer, Isabella practiced her sets against their garage. She runs track and took 1st in her age group for the 400 meters.

She loves living in Kohler because it is easy to get around. Her two best friends are Makayla and Abby. She loves to travel. Her favorite place is Washington D.C. She's been there multiple times, because her Dad drills in our nation's capital. She is impressed with the Vietnam Memorial. She also loved traveling to upper Michigan and Arizona.

Annalise Hasler, like her older sister, attends Immanuel Lutheran School. She is in the 7th grade. Like Isabella, she has Mrs. Bahr as her homeroom teacher. She plays volleyball for Immanuel and swims on the Kohler summer swim team. She has run track participating in the hurdles but she is not in love with the sport. Her favorite food is mom's chicken pot pie.



She has very different interests from her older sister. Very much like my daughter, Capt. Sarah Steele. She does not like living in an older sister's shadow. She likes to strike out on her own.

Where Isabella does not like Spanish, Annalise loves Spanish. Her life goal is to be fluent in this language. She likes sewing. (Maybe a future quilter.) Another favorite school subject is English. She loves reading Christian fantasy: J. R. R. Tolkien, Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit, C.S. Lewis' - Chronicles of Narnia, The Lion Witch and Wardrobe, and Prince Caspian.

A couple of her unique gifts are singing and acting. She has sung many solos in church. She is currently singing in Bethany's adult choir. She would love to take voice lessons someday. She loves journaling. Her favorite teacher, Mrs. Koultsen, credits her with an active and creative imagination. Mrs. Koultsen told her she has interesting perspectives as a creative writer. Her best friend is Kathryn, a classmate at Immanuel. She loves painting pictures for her relatives who live out of state. She loves, like Isabella, to vacation with the family. Her favorite vacation was to Copper Harbor, Michigan.

God has given each of the them unique gifts to serve others in special ways. God is already shaping and molding them within their own home. The two of them have added much to Bethany's family. May God continue to bless them and sustain them along life's way.



Though the two of them come from the same gene pool, both can agree it's hard to step out on your own when you're 1 of 6 children. Being so close in age is hard, but as they grow into adulthood they'll probably become best of friends. May God give them patience and understanding when they don't see eye to eye. (Ironically, when have siblings ever seen eye to eye?) Jacob and Esau, James and John come to mind. But like them, God will work through them to enhance the kingdom on earth and in heaven.

God's Richest Blessings this thanksgiving!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steele

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sunday, October 21, was a special day in several ways. More than twenty student musicians, from Lutheran High, provided special music for our service. The Clyde and Betty Bawden gifts were announced as nine representatives were present on behalf of the organizations they were from. Karl Kaeppler's article in this Beacon will have the details on that. Then, at the end of the service, Paul Gnan, Lutheran High and Dan Frieburger, Camp LuWiSoMo gave us short updates on their respective groups. Thanks to all those who worked to make this all happen. Thanks also to the Elders and Ushers for bearing a few unexpected tasks that day.

Please plan on attending the November 4 service. It will conclude with the Annual Voter's Meeting. That meeting is for the purpose of electing people for terms as elders, board members and officers, we will also review and vote on the 2019 Budget. The financial data is available for your review at the rear of the church. This annual event is vital to any church as it sets the stage for the coming year. There will be a "Pot Luck", but the main meal will be chicken and mashed potatoes. We thank the Thrivent Committee for assisting with the cost of the meal through the Choice Dollars Program. Please see the sign-up sheet in the lower narthex. We hope to have a good turn-out.

Speaking of voting...Wednesday Morning, November 7 we can finally "not" have to listen to any more campaign ads. The mid-terms will be over and results known. As annoying as all of that gets, we need to always remind ourselves that this short-term pain is the price we pay for our system. We have the right to vote, campaign, debate and "annoy". Not a bad deal in the long run. Not too many Americans are forming caravans to move out! It has been said that we still have the best system in the world. Oh, it does seem kind of wacky, but we all know it is not perfect, but still, we in the USA have choices. Many countries do not. So, exercise your right to vote on November 6.

Veterans Day is not far behind the election. It is always proper to reflect on our rights and how they have been protected by those who served in the Armed Forces. For generations our nation has paid dearly, with spilled blood, in a long list of wars and conflicts. History can decide how worthy any one war or conflict was, but the reason we honor those who served is BECAUSE they served...period. They all took the same oath and it was simply to serve this country. Let us take a moment to remember all who have served and are serving today. In this issue, you will see the list of our members who have and are serving. If you have served and your name is not on this list, please let Gina know. We update this list every time new information arises.

I will also say Happy Thanksgiving in this message from Barb and me. The next Beacon will likely not be out before November 22. We, at Bethany have so much to be thankful for. There is a lot to "feast on" here all throughout the year. Individually, you can learn, teach, sing, pray, talk, quilt, usher, elder, fix things, fold bulletins, clean, help the altar guild, acolyte, read scripture, and "just be there for others". May you all enjoy Thanksgiving as you reflect on your blessings.

Lee Gumm
President, Bethany Lutheran Church

BETHANY'S 2018 ANNUAL VOTER'S ASSEMBLY/POTLUCK
Sunday, November 4, 2018
Voters Assembly following our 10am worship service
A Potluck Luncheon sponsored by Bethany's Thrivent Group will
be served after the meeting. A signup sheet for attendance and donation
requests is available in the lower narthex.

Honoring Our Veterans...Veterans Day, November 11, 2018

THANK YOU FOR SERVING



Gary Bartz – Air Force
Ken Buesing – Army
Lee Gumm – Army
Paul Havlinek – Army
Ron Hummitzsch – Navy
Bob Kuehlmann – Navy
Steve Marotz – Army
Bob Parnitzke – Army
Steve Perry – Marines
Dave Prange – Air Force
Jerry Sabrowsky – Army
Tom Schnettler – Navy
Norb Sternitzky – Army
Ken Thompson – Army
Kevin Werner – Marines
Bob Wuerzberger – Army
Joe Wychesit – Air Force
Shua Yang – Army

ACTIVE

David Hasler - Army
Lisa Taylor – Air Force



When they served, where they served, how long they served are not what we celebrate...it is that they served willingly to preserve the freedom we all enjoy in the United States of America.

*If you served but your name is not on the list, please contact the church office so we can update our list.
Thank you!*

UPDATE OF THE CLYDE AND BETTY BAWDEN ESTATE

In the September issue of the Beacon, it was shared that Clyde and Betty Bawden remembered Bethany very generously through their estate. That was all that could be said at that time.

On October 21, Pastor Steele and Lee Gumm revealed the final details of how the estate was distributed among many beneficiaries. We want to thank them for carrying this out in such a meaningful way.

Here is what they presented:

Lutheran Legacy Fund – Bethany’s Endowment	\$125,000
(Clara and Spencer Werner Fund matched 20% of that for \$25,000 more to the endowment)	
Lutheran High (Paul Gnan)	\$65,000
Camp LuWiSoMo (Dan Freiburger)	\$10,000
St. Luke Lutheran Church (Carol Horness)	\$10,000
VVMI (Colin Edwards)	\$10,000
Nathan Steele	\$10,000
Love, Inc. (Katie Popp)	\$ 5,000
Good News Jail & Prison Ministry (Denis Schmideler)	\$ 5,000
Sharon S. Richardson Hospice (Lee Mitchler)	\$ 5,000
Over the Fence (Barbara Steele)	\$ 5,000
Anchor of Hope (Dan LeMahieu)	\$ 5,000
Bethany Altar Guild (Sue Prange)	\$ 5,000
Hispanic Mission (Pastor David Blas)	\$ 5,000

Each group was represented at this special celebration with the exceptions of VVMI (Colin Edwards came to Bethany on October 14), and the Hispanic Ministry (Pastor David Blas will conduct our service on November 11).

A special fund has also been created that includes \$60,000 for future kitchen remodeling, \$30,000 for upgrading the organ and \$10,000 toward replacing the elevator.

We are so blessed to have been remembered in this way by Clyde and Betty.

To God be the Glory!

Karl Kaeppler and Carol Horness
Personal Representatives of the Bawden Estate

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11-2: Aidan Brooks
11-4: Sandra Lacerda
11-5: David Hummitzsch
Blake Mengel
11-8: Ashleigh Wychesit

11-10: Steven Marotz
11-14: John Keller
11-18: Judi Strenger
11-20: Denis Schmideler
11-24: Karen Wuerzberger
11-25: Ryan Johnson
11-29: Mary Hummitzsch

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11-3: DuWayne & Nancy Froh
11-9: Karl & Barb Kaeppler



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Day is November 4. During our service we will remember all the saints that have gone to their eternal resting place. We will especially remember those from our congregation that have faithfully departed since our last All Saints Day – Glen Schuman, Neil Mueller, Clyde Bawden, James Tershner, Betty Bawden.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

During the months of November and December, any money received in the “Designated Offering” contribution envelope, will go to **Lutheran World Relief**. Their development projects focus on issues at the root causes of poverty. These debilitating causes tend to domino into more and more problems that trap people in poverty. By the same token, attacking just one of these issues can help break the cycle, making people’s lives better and freeing them from suffering in many ways. Lutheran World Relief helps by implementing projects all over the world that help with water purification, aiding in emergencies, agriculture, climate, health & livelihood and civic participation. To learn more about Lutheran World Relief, visit their website at www.lwr.org.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Our Thanksgiving service will be held on **Wednesday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m.**

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 3!



ADOPT-A-BAG UPDATE

A big THANK YOU to everyone that helped fill bags for the Adopt-A-Bag Food Drive. Last year we collected 26 bags of food. This year we surpassed that number and took 35 bags of groceries to the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry! They were very thankful for our donation.

~Barb & Lee

WEATHER CANCELLATION

With winter just around the corner that means a possibility of church closure due to weather. If you need to know if a church service or activity has been cancelled, please check tv channel **Today's TMJ4** or online at **tmj4.com**. An Elder may also contact you by phone.



LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

A meeting was held on September 12, 2018, to prioritize projects and begin gathering of information concerning the projects. Three (3) sub-committees were formed to begin the process of gathering information for these projects.

Kitchen Update. Ray Ottman, Jerry Sabrowsky, Karl Kaeppler, and Shirley Ottman and her team of ladies. The review will encompass future use of the kitchen, updating of the kitchen, and recommendations of changes.

Lift/Elevator Project. Steve Perry and Tom Schnettler will make up the committee along with Head Trustee Andy Fibiger. They will look at the feasibility of maintaining the existing lift or replacing it entirely. The Committee felt this is one project that needs immediate attention, so our Church doesn't incur a large expense to the old lift.

Organ refurbishment. Lee Gumm will gather information to update and restore our priceless organ.

Information will be gathered on all these projects, a timeline implemented, feasibility of the project discussed, and a cost plan. This information will be presented to the Council for discussion and approval.

The Church body will be updated as these studies are conducted.

Bob Wuerzberger
Long Range Planning Committee Chairman

SERVICE PROJECT AT PROJECT ANGEL HUGS

Bethany has for many years supported "Project Angel Hugs" through our church picnic, with the proceeds going to children with cancer. You have also supported Valentine's Day by filling our designated "Angel Hugs" basket with hand crafted or purchased valentines signed with your name and where you live or the children in our program. Last year we had another opportunity which was open to all members of our congregation. We picked a date in October to go out to Plymouth and work on a project in the afternoon. We are going to do the same thing this year but it will be on November 13 at 1:00 at Project Angel Hugs in Plymouth. A signup sheet is out in the lower narthex so we can give them a count as to how many they can expect and have the necessary supplies available. This is open to all adult members of Bethany. If you need a ride, we can meet at church at 12:30 and car pool out to Plymouth. It will be an opportunity to meet our new Operation Director, Leah Backhaus. If you have any questions, please contact Audrey Sabrowsky for more information.

MITE BOX SUNDAY

Since November is the month when we set aside a day to honor our Veterans, the LWML Mite Box that will be out on Sunday, November 25, will be designated for the national grant to fund "Christ for Veterans and their Families" as well as our South WI District grant "Operation Barnabas" which develops resources for military veterans to serve as peer counselors on the campus of Concordia, Mequon. There is an immense drawdown of our military forces sending soldiers to return to civilian communities and their families, thousands of whom struggle with physical, mental, financial, and emotional stresses. This time of adjustment to a more normal pace of life within our civilian communities is an important period of critical adjustment and we want to equip churches to reach out to veterans and their families with the love of Christ. We ask God to use our offerings to promote and enhance this beneficial Christ-centered undertaking and service. We are grateful for our military veterans who volunteered to keep our country safe here in the USA and overseas in foreign countries. God bless them all!

We Moved!

Please join us for our
Ribbon Cutting Celebration



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ
of Sheboygan County

November 12, 2018
4-6pm

Ribbon cutting | Speakers | Prayer & Blessing | Food | Tours

807 Forest Ave Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

RSVP to www.loveincsheboygancounty.org
or call Linda at 920-783-6701 x: 5101

Starter Kitchen Kits Product Drive

The Starter Kitchen Kits Ministry is in great need of baking dishes, cookies sheets, and 1 quart and 2-quart pots. Please place collected items into the Love INC collection bin at church. Items will be collected through November.

Thank you for your support!



2018 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



If you would like to order a Poinsettia plant to decorate our church for the Christmas season, please fill out the following form and give or mail to Shirley Mueller (1714 Autumnwood Ct. Sheboygan, WI 53081) or place in the Altar Guild box in the Communication Room or give to Gina in the office. Checks can be made out to **Bethany Altar Guild**.

You may take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Day church service.

\$10.00 EACH RED OR WHITE

DEADLINE TO ORDER - NOVEMBER 11

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Your name _____

_____ Number of plants at \$10.00 each

_____ Red _____ White

Given in memory of _____

Given in honor of _____

Other _____

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

Sunday, November 4

10:00 a.m.

w/Holy Communion

Elders: Jim Madden, Gerry Luebke
Ushers: Group 5—Lee Gumm, Steve Marotz, Victor Hazen
Acolyte: Grace Matte
Scripture Reader: Lee Gumm
Altar Guild: Marilyn Kirchenwitz, Lynn Luebke
Bulletin Folder: Joanie Schnettler
Door Locker: Tom Schnettler

Sunday, November 11

10:00 a.m.

Elders: Steve Hazen
Ushers: Group 6—Ray & Shirley Ottman, Derek MacKenzie
Acolyte: Thomas Yang
Scripture Reader: Norm Giertz
Altar Guild: Kristi & Doug Luecke
Bulletin Folder: Joanie Schnettler
Door Locker: Patrick Johnson

Sunday, November 18

10:00 a.m.

w/Holy Communion

Elders: Gerry Luebke, Todd Matte
Ushers: Group 7—Jerry Sabrowsky, Andy & Austin Fibiger
Acolyte: Isabella Hasler
Scripture Reader: Sharon Werner
Altar Guild: Shirley & Ray Ottman
Bulletin Folder: Joanie Schnettler
Door Locker: Ken Thompson

Wednesday, November 21

6:00 p.m.

Elders: Brian Faucher
Ushers: Group 1—Ben Marotz, Tom Schnettler, Ivan Hazen
Acolyte: Kaleb Faucher

Sunday, November 25

10:00 a.m.

Elders: Jim Madden
Ushers: Group 2 – John Keller, Dan Fibiger,
Brian & Aiden Faucher
Acolyte: Ella Albert
Scripture Reader: Steve Hazen
Altar Guild: Liz & Ken Buesing
Bulletin Folder: Joanie Schnettler
Door Locker: Dan Fibiger

November 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 7:15pm Dartball Trinity @ Bethany	2	3
4 8:45am Sunday School Bible Study 10am Worship w/HC 11am Voter's	5 3:30pm Confirmation 5/6 grade	6	7	8 7:15pm Dartball St. Peter @ Bethany	9	10
11 8:45am Sunday School Bible Study 10am Worship	12 3:30pm Confirmation 5/6 grade 6:30pm Elders	13 9:30am Quilting	14 6pm Joy Choir	15	16	17
18 8:45am Sunday School Bible Study 10am Worship w/HC	19 3:30pm Confirmation 5/6 grade 5:45pm Bd of Ed 6:15pm Finance 7pm Council	20 8:30am Men's Bible Study	21 3:15pm Confirmation 7/8 grade 6pm Thanksgiving Worship 7pm Joy Choir		23	24
25 8:45am Sunday School Bible Study 10am Worship	26 3:30pm Confirmation 5/6 grade	27 8:30am Men's Bible Study	28 3:15pm Confirmation 7/8 grade 6pm Joy Choir	29 7:15pm Dartball Bethany @ Good Shepherd	30	

Save the Date!

Village of Kohler Caroling Walk

December 9, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Follow the band of little angels with their guiding star on a village caroling walk. Caroling begins at St. John Evangelist Catholic Church, then stops at Grace UCC, and ends at Bethany Lutheran Church with a festive community social and tasty refreshments.



Angels of all ages are invited to wear “heavenly” angel apparel.