

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT



A *"Motion" with "Emotion"* took place at the Special Voters' Meeting on January 6. It was a short meeting with a single purpose, voting on the replacement of Bethany's lift. Bob Wuerzberger presented information compiled by the Long Range Planning Committee over the past year. The replacement cost of the lift by DME Elevators and Lifts of Kenosha will be \$27,000. This project was recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee to the Church Council at their December 17, 2018 meeting. After Bob finished sharing the information, I called for a motion. At that point, 14-year old Alaric Hazen moved that the project be approved by the congregation, with a second by Ray Ottman. The motion was passed unanimously. The morning of January 6, Alaric told his mom that he wanted to make this motion. It was important to him for very personal reasons. Many of you already know that Alaric has some physical challenges in his young life. One of them is that he has trouble with stairs and was one of the regular users of our lift when it was still working. As much as I would like to get this project done in days rather than months, it is not quite like changing a tire on a car. There are steps involved that will take eight to ten weeks for completion. On Tuesday, January 22, the second step was taken with a meeting that Karl Kaepler and I had with Jason Warrington of DME. Final measurements of the shaft were verified and the second payment made. Now, the unit will go into production. This next phase can take up to eight weeks. For us this is not a big deal, but for those who need the lift, it will seem like a long time. Many of you know Alaric has become the "hugger" at

Bethany. He has been included in many prayers at Bethany services as he has endured many trips to Children's Hospital for tests, treatments and surgeries. On January 21, he began another series of tests at Children's. This time the number of days he will be there has not been determined, it could be four days up to two weeks. Please keep this young man and his family in your prayers. We look forward to that next hug, that priceless smile and Alaric's positive attitude, in spite of all he and the Hazen family have been through. It is for those in our congregation who need this lift that we are so grateful to the Bawdens for designating \$10,000 for this lift replacement and to all those who donated toward this project in recent months. If you are still interested in making a donation for this lift (our next payment is due at the completion of fabrication) just write LIFT on your envelope. Any monies over and above what is needed for this project will be put into the Improvement Fund for future work. The new lift will always be subject to mandated inspections and optional extended warranty expenses. For this reason, the Improvement Fund will always be needed to pay these bills from.

On January 13, the St. Paul's Praise Band, "Good Hope Road," participated in our worship service. We thank them for enhancing our worship service with their praise music and hope we can have them again in the future.

At our January Council Meeting, we began with the Annual Orientation. This serves as an introduction to new board members and a review for current and returning persons. Most of the remainder of the meeting involved appointments of officers and committee members. Our Treasurer, Derek MacKenzie accepted another 2-year appointment from the Board of Finance, with approval of the council. Financial Secretary, Shirley Ottman has submitted her resignation effective 12-31-19. She normally would have taken another 2-year term, but with that resignation was appointed to just a one-year term. Anybody interested in this position, starting in January 2020 may contact Steve Marotz, Gina or me.

Committee appointments include Steve and Ben Marotz (Audit); Brian Faucher, Bruce Fisher, Jason Mengel (Technology); Todd Matte (Endowment). At the January 27 service, all new and current officers, and board members will be installed. Thank you to all those who serve here at Bethany.

Looking a little bit into February, we always anticipate the outcome of the various groundhogs around the state and country. I like the early spring predictions best, but it seems to be more about "six more weeks of winter" if memory serves. I never quite figured that whole thing out, but I like it when February 2 comes because it means January is over. My bones and cold weather have become enemies over the past years.

Have a good Valentine's Day too. We all know how important love is in our daily lives. There are many kinds of love, it was invented by our God, demonstrated fully by our Savior, and it should be shared by ALL of us.

Blessings to ALL of Bethany Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Lee Gumm
President, Bethany Lutheran Church

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION

When: Monday, March 11, 2019
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church
730 Cty Hwy PPP, Sheboygan Falls

Why:

Human Trafficking is modern day slavery. It is the illegal trade of human beings mainly for the purposes of forced labor and sex trafficking. All 72 counties in Wisconsin have reported, documented Human Trafficking. Wisconsin has one of the highest numbers of cases of human trafficking in the United States. Victims range from infant to elderly and they come from all backgrounds, races, and cultures. Human trafficking is referred to as the crime "in plain sight." Sheboygan Police Department Detective Tamara Remington, Criminal Investigation Division, will discuss cases, trends, signs to look for and safety tips and prevention to keep our communities safer. The event is free and open to the public.

Please consider attending this very important presentation!

Co-Sponsors: St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sheboygan Falls, Bethany Lutheran Church in Kohler, Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis Club, and St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church in Sheboygan

CHURCH CANCELLATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the case of bad weather this winter, please check TODAY'S TMJ4 TV station for church cancellations. You can also go online to tmj4.com or 620WTMJ on the radio.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2-03: Elsie Reinbacher
Cindy Fisher
2-05: Richard Johnson
Lois Schmideler
2-07: Peggy Keller
2-12: Lynn Baus
2-14: Thomas Yang



2-15: Andrew Kraus
Mylo Kovacs
2-16: Colin Mengel
2-17: Steve Perry
2-18: Caleb Cox
2-22: Chad Gauthier
2-23: David Prange
Noah Fibiger
2-25: Joe Wychesit

2-26: Jeremy Barthels
2-28: Madison Fibiger

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2-1: Brant & Nicole Koci
2 - 8: James & Barbara Herzog
2 -15: Ken & Liz Buesing

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

JANUARY/FEBRUARY CHARITY OF THE MONTH – Orphan Grain Train

During the months of January and February, all money collected from your "Designated Offerings" contribution envelopes will go **Orphan Grain Train**. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. For more information, visit their website at www.ogt.org

VALENTINE BREAKFAST FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

On Sunday, February 3, the Sunday School children will be enjoying a breakfast prepared by the Sunday School teachers and Board of Education while they create Valentine cards that will be given to Bethany's shut ins.



FEBRUARY MITE BOX

The Large LWML Mite Box will be out in the back of church on Sunday, February 24th. This month's grant is designated for Refuge Renovation at the "Place of Refuge Ministries" which is located in Milwaukee. There is a need to renovate two emergency exit stairs and repair 2nd floor overhang and roof overhang. This grant will provide secure and safe lodging for single mothers and their children, as well as expectant mothers. Please help make these improvements a reality as this ministry also shares the Gospel message of faith in Christ our Lord and Savior.

SONGS OF THE SEASON

Come join us as the Songs of the Seasons Concert Choir presents its 19th sacred music concert, specializing in interesting, meaningful arrangements. The first concert will be held on Sunday, February 10th at First Congregational Church (310 Bluff Ave.) at 2:00 p.m. The second concert, with the addition of various instruments, will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (1121 Georgia Ave.) on Sunday, February 17th also beginning at 2:00 p.m. A free will offering will be collected.

LOVE INC FRIENDS IN CHRIST ♡

Our 1st Fundraiser for 2019 is coming very soon and outlined in the flyer below.

We will be partnering with some of our "New Neighbors" in Sheboygan Falls for Valentines week so we hope you will find time to visit one or more of them during that week and support our Ministry.

If you do...PLEASE remember to THANK them for their support of Love INC and we Thank YOU for your support also.



February 11~16, 2019

For every purchase at these neighboring businesses a percentage will go to Love INC Clearinghouse Ministry, to support our Neighbors In Need.



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ
of Sheboygan County

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Our Purpose



To mobilize local Christian Churches to transform lives and communities through relationships, In the Name of Christ.

10% of Sales on Products & Spa purchases
All Week
(Excludes Gift Card Purchases)



10% of Jewelry purchases
All Week
from Love INC visitors



10% of Sales on
Tuesday Feb 12



10% of Sales on
Wednesday Feb 13



10% of Sales on
Friday Feb 15
Love INCs 4th Anniversary



1% of Sales on
Saturday Feb 16



As you are visiting these businesses please remember to thank them and MENTION your support of Love INC

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday, February 3

10:00 a.m.

w/Holy Communion

Elders: Jason Mengel, Gerry Luebke
Ushers: Group 2 – John Keller, Dan Fibiger,
Brian & Aiden Faucher
Acolyte: Isabella Hasler
Scripture Reader: Norm Giertz
Altar Guild: Sue Prange, Lois Schmideler
Bulletin Folder: Dan Fibiger
Door Locker: Steve Marotz

Sunday, February 10

10:00 a.m.

Elders: Shua Yang
Ushers: Group 3 – Doug Luecke, Ken Thompson,
Karl Rademacher
Acolyte: Grace Matte
Scripture Reader: Barbara Strenger
Altar Guild: Kristine & Maggie Faucher
Bulletin Folder: Dan Fibiger
Door Locker: Tom Schnettler

Sunday, February 17

10:00 a.m.

w/Holy Communion

Elders: David Hasler, Jim Madden
Ushers: Group 4–Dave & Sue Prange, Jerry Sabrowsky
Acolyte: Thomas Yang
Scripture Reader: Steve Hazen
Altar Guild: Shirley & Ray Ottman
Bulletin Folder: Dan Fibiger
Door Locker: Patrick Johnson

Sunday, February 24

10:00 a.m.

Elders: Steve Hazen
Ushers: Group 5–Lee Gumm, Steve Marotz, Victor Hazen
Acolyte: Kaleb Faucher
Scripture Reader: Lee Gumm
Altar Guild: Marilyn Kirchenwitz, Lynn Luebke
Bulletin Folder: Dan Fibiger
Door Locker: Ken Thompson

February 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 8:45am Bible Study Sunday School 10am Worship w/HC	4 3:30pm Confirmation 5/6 grade	5 3pm Confirmation 7/8 grade 6pm Joy Choir	6	7 7:15pm Dartball Bethany @ St. Peter	8	9
10 8:45am Bible Study Sunday School 10am Worship	11 3:30pm Confirmation 5/6 grade 6:30 Elders	12 3pm Confirmation 7/8 grade 6pm Joy Choir	13	14 7:15pm Dartball Good Shepherd @ Bethany	15	16
17 8:45am Bible Study Sunday School 10am Worship w/HC	18 3:30pm Confirmation 5/6 grade 5:45pm Bd of Ed 6:15pm Finance 7pm Council	19 3pm Confirmation 7/8 grade 6pm Joy Choir	20	21 7:15pm Dartball Bethany @ Immanuel	22	23
24 8:45am Bible Study Sunday School 10am Worship	25 3:30pm Confirmation 5/6 grade	26 3pm Confirmation 7/8 grade 6pm Joy Choir	27	28 7:15pm Dartball St. Paul, Falls @ Bethany		