

PASTOR'S PAGE

Faith@Home

School is coming to an end the Bethany community has just finished another year of Christian education. When a school year nears the end, the students cannot wait until they don't have to go to school anymore: whether High School; College; Trade School, Masters, or Doctorate. All of us cannot wait until this schooling is all over! However, when it comes to Christian education the studying, learning and applying never stop. Graduation comes only when our last physical breath is taken. Then we go before the Lord praising our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Slain Lamb of God. Until then, we celebrate the new life we have in Christ and long for the day in which the struggle of this earthly life is removed. The building block of the church, like society, is the family. During the month of June, we will be celebrating the family, home, and living out the Christian life.

In June we celebrate the role of the home as the primary agency of faith formation in a series of four worship services called Faith@Home. Each service in the four-part series focuses on different ways in which the home serves the family of faith. Service One in the series highlights the ways in which the home can serve as a seminary, providing spiritual training that no other institution can match. Through words of Scripture, an inspiring sermon, and thematic hymns, this service reminds us that the home has the opportunity to make a deeper and longer-lasting spiritual impression than almost any other organization in the world.

Service Two in the series focuses on how the home can serve as a trauma center, providing emotional, physical, and spiritual healing to all who enter. Through words of Scripture, an inspiring sermon, and thematic hymns, this service reminds us that the home has the opportunity to bind up the brokenhearted, encourage the discouraged, and build confidence in our Lord.

Service Three in the series focuses on how the home can serve as a filling station, replenishing our spiritual "tanks" when we feel like we are running on empty and need a jump-start to get us going again on our journey of faith. Through words of Scripture, an inspiring sermon, and thematic hymns, this service reminds us that the home has the opportunity to give to all who enter the sustaining love of Christ and his everlasting grace and mercy.

Service Four in the series focuses on how the home can serve as a safe place, sheltering us from the dangers and destruction out in the world that threaten to harm us. Through words of Scripture, an inspiring sermon, and thematic hymns, this service reminds us that the home has the opportunity to supply the spiritual tools and resources necessary to defuse and even eliminate any threat against us.

This series is based on Moses' protege, Joshua's declaration after heeding the following words from the Lord... "Be strong and courageous" (Joshua 1:9a). Then later Joshua declares this to the people Israel... "choose this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Blessings,
Pastor Steele

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many thanks to those who participated in the organizing and performing in the Mother's Day Service on Sunday May 12. We are very blessed to have so many willing and talented youth in our midst.

You might have heard something about an Organ Renovation Project in the past months. You will be reading more about it in a report submitted by the Long Range Planning Committee in this edition. The committee approved of this project and it then moved on to be considered for approval at the May 20 Council Meeting. It was passed there and now must be presented to the congregation for final approval. Please plan on attending the Voter's Meeting which will be held on June 9, immediately after the worship service. As many of you know, the Bawdens gifted \$30,000 toward this project. We also will be receiving \$10,000 from Mr. Norb Sternitzky via his final wishes. The project is not to exceed \$60,000, so your gifts would also be appreciated to cover the remaining 30% of the Organ Upgrade if it is approved by the voters.

On Monday, May 27, we will observe another Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering and honoring persons who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday is observed every year on the last Monday of May. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season. It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo—which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an

annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags. May we all remember with gratitude all those who fought and died in battle to keep America free. Also remember those who never came home, those who suffered life-changing injuries and those who are still missing. Remember also the families who lost sons, fathers, brothers...and in more modern times, daughters, mothers and sisters. The most lasting thing that should be learned as we have marched from one war to another is



that freedom is NOT free. On Friday, May 17, the Kohler elementary kids did a great job of presenting a very meaningful and somber litany of songs and choreography that centered around patriotism and giving praise to God for what America is today. It was to honor the military and observe Armed Forces Day (May 18). Give thanks to all the brave men and women who have served and to those who serve today. Have a blessed Memorial Day, and May God Bless America.

To God be the Glory for all that we have and enjoy in our lives.

Lee Gumm
President, Bethany Lutheran Church

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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



6-11: Audrey Sabrowsky
6-16: KaoKalia Yang
6-17: Betty Hahn
6-19: Barbara Kaepler
6-20: Nancy Froh
6-27: Barbara Strenger
6-29: Jason Mengel

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6-2: David & Tamra O'Keefe
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 disciplined 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. Sunday services are at 9:00am starting May 26. Thursday night services are at 6:00pm starting June 6.

******Please note that the May 30 church service has been cancelled so that everyone can attend the Ascension Service at Immanuel Lutheran church at 7:00pm******

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE – Organ Project

The Long-Range Planning Committee has been evaluating the condition and future needs of the Organ. We met with John Jordan at Trinity in Sheboygan to view their organ and the upgrades John did for them. John has been servicing our organ at Bethany for a few years and is highly qualified and trusted. If approved, the project will be done in three phases with the first phase beginning this August. The Committee voted 8-0 to approve the project, not to exceed \$60,00 and send it to Council for their approval. The project has been approved by Council and now awaits Congregation approval. With that in mind, **a special Voter's Meeting will be held after the Service on Sunday, June 9.** At this meeting the findings and recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee will be discussed in more detail and presented to the members of Bethany. The meeting will be brief and only pertain to this topic. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Bob Wuerzberger and Todd Matte – Long Range Planning Committee Co-chairmen

BETHANY'S 2019 GRADUATE



Ivan Hazen – Graduating from Sheboygan Falls High School. Ivan plans to attend UW Sheboygan to receive his general education credits and then transfer to UW Platteville to study engineering. We will honor Ivan during our service on Sunday, June 2.

Congratulations Ivan!!

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our newest confirmed member of Bethany, Isabella Hasler who was confirmed in faith at Immanuel Lutheran Church, where she attends school, on May 19. Isabella will be attending Lutheran High School next year.

✠ GIFTS GIVEN TO BETHANY

Memorial gifts in memory of Norb Sternitzky were given by Dave & Sue Prange and Karl & Barbara Kaepler.

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.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

All Thrivent members at Bethany please remember to direct your "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to Bethany Lutheran Church if you have not already done so.

Thrivent cards on the counter outside Pastors office will help guide you. If you are unsure if you have funds available to direct just call 1-800-847-4836 to check. Any questions please see Lynn Luebke, Dave Prange, or Mary Madden and they would help you also.

Thanks to those who have already directed their dollars. These dollars help fund many programs, events and missions for Bethany.

FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Listed below are the financials from the month of April, 2019 as well as the year-to-date totals.

April Income	Yr. To Date Income
\$17,713.71	\$62,326.36
April Expenses	Yr. To Date Expenses
\$20,932.99	\$57,093.61
April Net Gain/Loss	Yr. To Date Gain/Loss
(\$3,219.28)	\$5,232.75

Steve Marotz	Ben Marotz
Chairman - Board of Finance	Member – Board of Finance

*** Please consider using the Electronic Giving program "Joyful Response" to simplify and budget your giving. Registration forms can be found on the counter outside Pastor's office or see Gina in the church office. ***

ASCENSION SERVICE

Join our area LCMC congregations for the Ascension Service. Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 7:00pm. Immanuel Lutheran Church 0 1634 Illinois Ave., Sheboygan. The preacher will be Rev. Adam Barkley from Luther Memorial. The offering will be designated toward The Sheboygan Hispanic Mission.

Bethany members: remember that because of this service, there will NOT be church on May 30. Our first Thursday evening service will be June 6 at 6:00pm.

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 Pastor David Blas of the Hispanic Ministry. It will be bilingual with the songs being in Spanish and everything else in English. Here are all the details:

When: June 17 – 20 from 5-7pm

Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sheboygan

Who: Children ages Kindergarten through 6th grade

Cost: FREE!

How to sign up: Go to lutheranhigh.com and click on the Activities tab. Then click Summer Camps. At the bottom of that page you will find the registration information for VBS.

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

Sunday, June 2 9:00 a.m. (Holy Communion)	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Scripture Reader: Altar Guild: Bulletin Folder: Door Locker:	David Hasler, Jason Mengel Group 5 – Lee Gumm, Steve Marotz, Victor Hazen Annalise Hasler Steve Hazen Liz & Ken Buesing Sue Prange Ken Thompson
Thursday, June 6 6:00 p.m.	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte:	Gerry Luebke Group 6 – Ray & Shirley Ottman, Derek MacKenzie Ella Albert
Sunday, June 9 9:00 a.m.	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Scripture Reader: Altar Guild: Bulletin Folder: Door Locker:	Steve Hazen Group 7 – Andy, Austin, Noah Fibiger Winston Hasler Norm Giertz Shirley & Ray Ottman Dan Fibiger Dan Fibiger
Thursday, June 13 6:00 p.m. (Holy Communion)	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Altar Guild:	Brian Faucher Group 8 – Todd, Lexie, Luke Matte Kaleb Faucher Gina Fibiger, Rachel Johnson
Sunday, June 16 9:00 a.m. (Holy Communion)	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Scripture Reader: Altar Guild: Bulletin Folder: Door Locker:	Shua Yang, Jim Madden Group 1 – B. Marotz, T. Schnettler, Ivan & Alaric Hazen Thomas Yang Sharon Werner Barb & Lee Gumm Dan Fibiger Lee Gumm
Thursday, June 20 6:00 p.m.	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte:	Jason Mengel Group 2 – John Keller, Dan Fibiger, Brian & Aiden Faucher Madison Fibiger
Sunday, June 23 9:00 a.m.	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Scripture Reader: Altar Guild: Bulletin Folder: Door Locker:	David Hasler Group 3 – Doug Luecke, Ken Thompson, Karl Rademacher Isabella Hasler Lexie Matte Debbie & Steve Perry Dan Fibiger Ryan Brooks
Thursday, June 27 6:00 p.m. (Holy Communion)	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Altar Guild:	Gerry Luebke Group 4 – Dave & Sue Prange, Jerry Sabrowsky Ella Albert Sue Prange, Lois Schmideler
Sunday, June 30 9:00 a.m. (Holy Communion)	Elders: Ushers: Acolyte: Scripture Reader: Altar Guild: Bulletin Folder: Door Locker:	Steve Hazen, Brian Faucher Group 5 – Lee Gumm, Steve Marotz, Victor Hazen Grace Matte Todd Matte Kristine & Maggie Faucher Dan Fibiger Steve Marotz

June 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9am Worship w/HC	3	4	5	6 6pm Worship	7	8
9 9am Worship 10am Organ Voters Meeting	10 6:30pm Elders	11 9:30am Quilting	12	13 6pm Worship w/HC	14	15
16 9am Worship w/HC  Father's Day	17 5-7pm VBS @ Good Shepherd 5:45pm Bd of Ed 6:15pm Finance 7pm Council	18 5-7pm VBS @ Good Shepherd	19 5-7pm VBS @ Good Shepherd	20 5-7pm VBS @ Good Shepherd 6pm Worship	21	22
23 9am Worship	24	25 9:30am Quilting	26	27 6pm Worship w/HC	28	29
30 9am Worship w/HC						