

VACANCY PASTOR'S PAGE

When to call (or text or email) your pastor (yes, even your vacancy Pastor)

Everyone knows the old joke about pastors only working one hour a week. We show up right before service and then lead worship for one hour and then disappear until next week.

Many people think that pastors are too busy to be bothered with their little problem. We think they are too busy or dealing with really tough problems and so when we have something we need to talk about we keep it to ourselves because we don't want to overburden the pastor. I am busy, but I am also very flexible. This job allows me to make my own schedule most every day. I can always find time to have a chat or answer some questions.

Bringing your difficulties and problems to your pastor is one of his great joys. He is equipped with God's Word and can bring it to bear on the problem. He also wants to know what to pray for and that can only be done by him knowing what is going on.

I like to use this space occasionally to give a list of times to call (or text or email) me so that I can help or just so I can know.

1. Hospital visit. Don't make me hear about it from a third party.
2. Struggling with a spiritual issue.
3. When you won't be in church for a few weeks.
4. When you know someone is struggling and needs help.
5. Struggling with your marriage or family.
6. Considering a job change or have changed jobs.
7. Feelings of depression or anxiety or hopelessness.
8. Family member going to the hospital.
9. Making long term care decisions for family members.
10. When a difficult decision needs to be made.
11. Before choosing a college or joining the military.
12. When you are having communication issues at home.
13. When your work life is overwhelming you.
14. When you are having issues with your children.
15. When you want to plan your funeral or marriage.
16. When you have good news.
17. To let him know that you care and are praying for him.

Of course this is not an extensive list. The point of this list is just a reminder that I am here for you in whatever way you may need.

Pastor Johnson

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope this message finds you well and that everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall weather we've been having. October really was mild for fall. As I reflect on this past month, I'd like to highlight a charity that Bethany supports every year: Love INC. They hold their annual fundraiser every October, which we attended this year, along with the Wuerzbergers and Gumms (and Kaepplers in spirit - we missed you this year!). It was a wonderful event, with great food, company, and presentations, along with some fun! The highlight of the evening is the guests they bring in, who tell their heartwarming stories of how they have been struggling in life and were helped by Love INC. This year, there was a couple who were Venezuelan refugees, who lost many family members in recent years due to illness and were trying to escape an oppressive government. They came to the US with next to nothing and reached out to Love INC for help. It was interesting to hear their story, spoken in Spanish and translated to English by a translator. It's nice to hear the stories of the lives this ministry is helping, firsthand. As we approach the season of giving, I encourage you to consider giving to this worthy cause and even consider joining us for the fundraiser dinner next year!

We have good news from the call committee...we have received our official call list! As I write this, we will be meeting with Pastor Kretschmar tonight to discuss how to move forward with reviewing all this information and choosing a pastor. Please keep the committee in your prayers that we may select a fitting pastor quickly and one who is willing to accept our call.

We are in dire need of elders and could really use a couple extra hands to help lift the load. This is not a huge time commitment other than the monthly meetings and serving at church once in a while. When my boys were in cub scouts, their motto when trying to round up volunteers was "more hands make light work". That is so true. The more volunteers we can get, the less each of them will have to do. We seem to have the same few serving year after year, and we need to lift the burden, so they don't get burned out. Please pray about it and consider helping. Getting involved can be fun and rewarding! Talk to Gerry or I if you are interested.

One more quick reminder.... the voters meeting is Sunday, November 10th immediately after the service. The agenda will include Financial updates, the 2025 budget, nominations, Endowment Fund update, and more. Please plan to attend.

Yours in Christ,
Andy Fibiger

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 visit www.lwr.org



BETHANY'S 2024 ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING
Sunday, November 10, 2024



The voters' meeting will be held immediately after the service on Sunday, November 10. Part of the agenda includes approving the 2025 budget as well as the minutes from last year's Voter's Meeting. Both the proposed budget and meeting minutes can be found in the back of church for your review prior to the meeting.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11-2: Aidan Brooks
Kelly Meyer
11-5: David Hummitzsch
11-7: Peter Welsh
11-8: Ashleigh Wychesit
11-10: Steven Marotz



11-14: John Keller
11-18: Judi Strenger
11-21: Lauren Welsh
11-24: Karen Wuerzberger
11-25: Ryan Johnson
11-29: Mary Hummitzsch



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11-9: Karl & Barb Kaepler

Daylight Savings Ends November 3.
Don't forget to turn your clocks back
one hour Saturday, November 2



Our Thanksgiving Eve service will
be held on Wednesday,
November 27 at 6:00pm. Pastor
Ken Serr will lead the service.



✚ ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

During our service on November 3, 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 – Gary Bartz, Carmella Jackson, Katherine Edler, Esther Bennig, and Barbara Vogt.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SHOPPING TRIP

The Sunday School students will be taking a shopping trip on Saturday, November 16 to purchase items to fill our shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Anyone able to attend should meet at church at 9:30am to work out the carpool arrangements. We have 12 shoe boxes to fill and thanks to our Sunday School offerings, and some generous congregation donations, we will not have a problem filling all of them. Thank you for your support!

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**. It will also be posted on Bethany's website: www.bethanylutherankohler.org and our Facebook page: Bethany Lutheran Church – Kohler, WI.



Help Wanted!

Our Furniture Ministry is looking to add to its furniture delivery teams. You'll be part of a team offering not only beds, dressers, and tables but also encouragement and prayer to our local community. Time commitment for each role would be **once per month**.

Some specific needs:

- Delivery Team Leaders – Responsible for overseeing the entire delivery process, ensuring smooth coordination, and reporting back on the delivery.
- Neighbor Care Coordinator (Male/Female) – Responsible for engaging with the neighbor, offering Christian encouragement, and leading prayer during the delivery.
- Trailer Specialist – Skilled at driving and safely maneuvering the trailer for loading/unloading and transport.
- Furniture Mover – Physically able to lift & carry furniture into homes, ensuring safe delivery & set-up.

Want to learn more about this opportunity? Email allison@loveincsheboygancounty.org or apply online today at <https://loveincsheboygancounty.org/>

Honoring Our Veterans...Veterans Day, November 11, 2024
THANK YOU FOR SERVING!



Ken Buesing – Army
Bruce Fisher – Air Force
Lee Gumm – Army
Paul Havlinek – Army
Bob Kuehlmann – Navy
Steve Marotz – Army
Dave Meyer – Army
Bob Parnitzke – Army
Steve Perry – Marines
Dave Prange – Air Force
Jerry Sabrowsky – Army
Tom Schnettler – Navy
Russ Sholten - Navy
Ken Thompson – Army
Kevin Werner – Marines
Bob Wuerzberger – Army
Joe Wychesit – Air Force
Shua Yang – Army

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David Hasler - Navy
Aiden Faucher – Marines



When they served, where they served, or how long they served is 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 listed, please contact the church office so we can update our list.
Thank you!*

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday, November 3

10:00 a.m.

w/Holy Communion

Elder:

Steve Hazen

Ushers:

Jerry Sabrowsky, Dan Fibiger

Altar Guild:

Julie Steele, Rachel Johnson

Scripture Reader:

Mary Ann Fibiger

Door Locker:

Diane Marotz

Streaming:

Andy Fibiger

Sunday, November 10

10:00 a.m.

Elder:

Andy Fibiger

Ushers:

Steve & Alaric Hazen

Altar Guild:

Liz & Ken Buesing

Scripture Reader:

Lee Gumm

Door Locker:

Ryan Brooks

Streaming:

Todd Matte

Sunday, November 17

10:00 a.m.

w/Holy Communion

Elder:

Lee Gumm

Ushers:

Fibigers

Altar Guild:

Shirley & Ray Ottman

Scripture Reader:

Todd Matte

Door Locker:

Steve Marotz

Streaming:

Steve Perry

Sunday, November 24

10:00 a.m.

Elder:

Steve Hazen

Ushers:

Ray & Shirley Ottman

Altar Guild:

Lynn & Gerry Luebke

Scripture Reader:

Sharon Werner

Door Locker:

Ken Thompson

Streaming:

Madison Fibiger

Wednesday, November 27

6:00 p.m.

Elder:

Shua Yang

Ushers:

Steve & Diane Marotz

Streaming:

Brianna Meyer

NOVEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
03 8:45am Sunday School 10am Worship w/HC (Pastor King) Daylight Savings	04	05 10:30 am Bible Study	06	07 7:15pm Dartball @Bethany	08	09
10 8:45am Sunday School 10am Worship (Pastor Johnson) 11am Voter's Meeting	11	12 10:30 am Bible Study 6pm Elders 6:30pm Bd of Finance 7pm Council	13	14 7:15pm Dartball (away)	15	16 9:30am Sunday School Shopping
17 8:45am Sunday School 10am Worship w/HC (Pastor King)	18	19 10:30 am Bible Study	20	21 7:15pm Dartball @Bethany	22	23
24 8:45am Sunday School 10am Worship (Pastor Johnson)	25	26 10:30 am Bible Study	27 6pm Thanksgiving Worship (Pastor Serr)	28 <div style="text-align: center;">  Thanksgiving Day </div>	29	30