

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, the summer is coming to an end, and school is not too far off for the children. Sunday school starts Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 AM. That's also the day of the church picnic. It's a great time to have fellowship outdoors and invite others who might be interested in coming to our church. Please be sure to sign up in the lower narthex. Let's pray for good weather, and welcome the little ones back to school.

Speaking of school, Pastor Steele, Derek MacKenzie, and I attended an informational session this summer at Sheboygan Lutheran High School (SLHS). SLHS is growing which is a blessing, and it is currently one of the missions that Bethany supports. SLHS needs support more than ever as area church funding has been declining. For example, Bethany has not increased the amount it has given to SLHS in over 15 years. In November, the Council will be recommending to increase the amount Bethany contributes in the budget as part of the annual voter's meeting. Please let Pastor Steele or me know if you have any questions about Lutheran High or if you would like to further support Sheboygan Lutheran High School.

One last note regarding school stuff... I'm thankful to say that the endowment fund had really good growth last year, which means that we can continue to support Bethany families into the future who are sending their children to Sheboygan Lutheran Schools where God is front and center. A full report on the endowment fund will be provided in the November annual voter's meeting.

I also wanted to mention and thank Ryan Brooks, head Trustee, who did a great job trimming the bushes and cleaning up around the church this past month. And, thanks to Noah Fibiger for cutting the grass this summer. These are like many jobs that require regular diligence, and probably don't get recognition with the same frequency. 😊 Thank you!

Finally, the Church Council is still looking for new people for open positions in the coming year. We have such a great group of people to work with on the Council. If you are interested in serving the church in one of those capacities, please see Andy Fibiger or me about positions that will be coming available starting in 2022. Thanks to Andy for all his work in searching out volunteers. There is a lot of work required to keep the church operating smoothly behind the scenes. I'm thankful for everyone who serves or has served in the past. It's a great way to connect with others in the congregation and keep the church moving.

God Bless and to God be the Glory!

Todd Matte - Council President



### SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

#### **Good News Jail & Prison Ministry**

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](http://www.goodnewsjail.org)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children ages 3 years – 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join our Sunday School. We meet every Sunday at 8:45am beginning on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. An email was recently sent to all the Sunday School families asking for you to register your student. If you haven't had a chance to do that yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you misplaced or didn't get the email, please contact the church office by phone 920-457-4681 or email [info@blckohler.com](mailto:info@blckohler.com). Thank you!



## CONFIRMATION

Janine Bergeron will be teaching confirmation class for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders on Mondays at 3:15pm starting September 16<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Steele will be teaching our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders also on Mondays at 3:15pm.

## BIBLE STUDIES

- **Adult Bible Study:** Begins Sunday, September 12 and will be studying "Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up" by Matthew Richard.
- **Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study:** Begins Tuesday, September 14 (time tbd) and will also be studying "Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up".
- **Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study:** Begins Thursday, September 16 at 10:00am and will be studying "The Women of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream.

If you'd like to attend any of these Bible Studies, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church or you can call or email the church office. The books can be purchased on Amazon.com or the church office can purchase it for you if you let us know.

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9-04: Kathy Goldman  
9-05: Kathryn Miller  
9-07: Doug Luecke  
9-11: Steve Hazen  
9-13: Marc Luecke  
9-14: DuWayne Froh  
Lisa Kraus  
9-16: Bob Wuerzberger



9-17: Gerry Luebke  
9-20: Dane Madson  
9-21: Katherine Edler  
9-23: Andy Fibiger  
Lee Gumm  
Isabella Hasler  
9-26: Shelby Werner  
Tamra O'Keefe  
9-27: Gary Froh

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9-14: Jerry & Audrey Sabrowsky  
John & Lisa Willadsen  
9:15: Dan & Summer Menzer  
9-19: Bruce & Cindy Fisher  
9-21: Gerry & Lynn Luebke  
9-30: Shua & KaoKalia Yang

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

## ALARIC FUNDRAISER UPDATE

A huge THANK YOU to everyone that gave to Alaric's Dream Fundraiser. Bethany members gave a total of \$2,630! As stated earlier, Bethany will match \$1,000 of that total. \$3,000 was raised at the Balde Farm Fundraiser in July and \$600 was collected in additional donations. There will be a Brat Fray/Bake Sale at Miesfeld's in Sheboygan on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am – 5pm. With this last event, we hope to reach our fundraising goal and start planning Alaric's trip. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your support! Alaric is very excited about the trip!



**Bethany's Annual Church Picnic**  
**Sunday, September 12**  
**11:00am - 3:00pm**  
**(food will be served until 1pm)**  
**Bethany Lutheran Church**

*Food • Games • Prizes • Fellowship • Fun!*

**LOTS OF HELP STILL NEEDED!!!**

**Sign-Up Sheets for attendance, donation needs, and volunteer opportunities are posted in the lower narthex at church or you can call or email the church office. Please consider helping make this event a success!**



**ADOPT-A-BAG FOOD DRIVE**

Bethany's 2020 Adopt-a-Bag Food Drive will be held during the month of September. Bags will be available soon in the lower narthex of church and can be brought back to church anytime during the month of September. Donations will be taken to the Sheboygan Falls Area Food Pantry which serves Sheboygan Falls, Kohler, Howards Grove and Oostburg. Thank you to Barb and Lee Gumm, Bethany coordinators for our Adopt-A-Bag program.

# SAVE THE DATE

LIVING OUT  
LOVE

4TH ANNUAL  
 DINNER / AUCTION

“He renews my strength.  
 He guides me along right paths,  
 bringing honor to His name.”

Psalm 23:3

**Saturday, October 23, 2021**  
 The Bull at Pinehurst Farms  
 Sheboygan Falls  
 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



**Love INC**  
 Love In the Name of Christ  
 of Sheboygan County

[www.loveinshesheboygancounty.org](http://www.loveinshesheboygancounty.org)

Our Purpose

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

**Our exciting dinner auction will be held at The Bull at Pinehurst Farms on Saturday, October 23 from 5:30-8:30 pm. We hope you will join us for a fun-filled evening to support your Love INC of Sheboygan County!**

## ⚡ GIFTS GIVEN TO BETHANY

In memory of Evelyn Steinhardt: Memorial Fund gifts were given by Bill & Judi Strenger and Dave & Sue Prange.

If you would like to give a memorial 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.

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### Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Katherine Edler!!

Katherine Edler turns 100 years old on September 22. This wonderful occasion was celebrated on August 21 with a party given by her family. Family, friends and many Bethany members enjoyed good food, drinks, and music provided by an accordion player! God's blessings to you, Katherine!



## THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2021

### **Saturday, September 4**

4:00 p.m.  
w/Holy Communion

Elder: Shua Yang  
Ushers: Jerry Sabrowsky, Derek MacKenzie  
Acolyte: Cooper Marotz  
Altar Guild: Lynn & Gerry Luebke

### **Sunday, September 5**

9:00 a.m.  
w/Holy Communion

Elder: Andy Fibiger  
Ushers: Hazens  
Acolyte: Aidan Brooks  
Scripture Reader: Steve Hazen  
Door Locker: Steve Marotz

### **Saturday, September 11**

4:00 p.m.

Elder: Lee Gumm  
Ushers: Dave & Sue Prange  
Acolyte: Katelynn Regutis  
Altar Guild: Barb & Karl Kaeppler

### **Sunday, September 12**

10:00 a.m.

Elder: Brian Faucher  
Ushers: Ray & Shirley Ottman  
Acolyte: Maggie Faucher  
Scripture Reader: Sharon Werner  
Door Locker: Dan Menzer

### **Saturday, September 18**

4:00 p.m.  
w/Holy Communion

Elder: Shua Yang  
Ushers: Thompson, Rademacher, Kuehlman  
Acolyte: Ryan Mengel  
Altar Guild: Liz & Ken Buesing

### **Sunday, September 19**

10:00 a.m.  
w/Holy Communion

Elder: Gerry Luebke  
Ushers: Mattes  
Acolyte: Winston Hasler  
Scripture Reader: Mary Ann Fibiger  
Door Locker: Ben Marotz

### **Saturday, September 25**

4:00 p.m.

Elder: Lee Gumm  
Ushers: Steve Marotz, Ben Marotz  
Acolyte: Cooper Marotz  
Altar Guild: Shirley & Ray Ottman

### **Sunday, September 26**

10:00 a.m.

Elder: Andy Fibiger  
Ushers: Fibigers  
Acolyte: Isaac Hasler  
Scripture Reader: Todd Matte  
Door Locker: Patrick Johnson

# September 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04 4pm Worship w/HC
05 9am Worship w/HC	06 	07 6:30pm Elders	08	09	10	11 4pm Worship
12 8:45am Bible Study Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Church Picnic	13 5:45pm Bd of Ed 6:15pm Finance 7pm Council	14 Men's Bible Study (time tbd)	15 3:15pm Confirmation 5-8 grade	16 10am Women's Bible Study	17	18 4pm Worship w/HC
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