

PASTOR'S PAGE

Sermon on The Mount

This fall we will be studying in Adult Bible Class: *The Chosen – Season 2 - An interactive Bible Study*.

Last spring, we began with *The Chosen – Season 1 - What does It mean to Be Chosen?* The study focused on Isaiah 43. This chapter prophesies the coming Messiah, and what it means to be called and rescued by Jesus.

Season 2 depicts more of Jesus' way of living, being, and teaching. The study's focus is on the Beatitudes, the introduction to the Sermon on the Mount. This sermon is well documented in the Gospel Matthew.

The Beatitudes are probably the least understood section of the Sermon on the Mount. Why is this? It deals with the word "Blessed." Being good Lutherans, we ask, as Luther does: "What does this mean?" Many have translated the word Blessed as "happy!" It's then translated: "Do this and be happy." Blessings or happiness occurs if you are: "poor in spirit; mournful; meek; hunger and thirst for righteousness; merciful; pure in heart; peacemakers; persecuted for righteousness' sake." Do these previous beatitudes and you will be blessed.

However, this is not what Jesus is teaching. First and foremost, Jesus is truly blessed. He lived out each of these beatitudes daily. This occurred from conception, lowly birth, and baptism. At His baptism he was publicly identified as the Lamb of God. He was blessed by God the Father to take on the task to redeem all people of the world (more on this during the Bible study).

Paul identifies Jesus is the image of the living God (Col 2:9-10). And we who are baptized have that image bestowed on the Christian. Jesus was declared blessed by His Father. In our baptism, we are joined to Jesus. He is declared "blessed"; We are declared blessed through His life, death, and resurrection. As with Jesus, The Beatitudes are declared upon the Christian. Understanding the word "Blessed" from the perspective of the Christian will be unwrapped throughout the study. Prayerfully, you'll take the time to be in God's Word this fall.

Yours in Christ,
Rev Robert Steele

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9-04: Kathy Goldman
9-05: Kathryn Miller
Sue Sholten
9-07: Doug Luecke
9-11: Steve Hazen
9-13: Marc Luecke
9-14: 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: 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.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are nearing the end of summer, and wow that went fast! Soon the kids will be back to school. Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 11th. The Bethany picnic is also planned for the same day, so be sure to sign up, and we are still looking for volunteers to help with setting up, breaking down, and help during the picnic. Please reach out to Gina for any questions.

We will also start bible study classes on Thursday September 8th and Sunday September 11th again, continuing with the Chosen series season two. If you weren't able to make the first season bible study, don't worry about it as it is the story of Jesus, and it's easy to recognize the characters and you can even catch up by watching the first season episodes on YouTube. The series really ties in and explains the culture of the time.

We also want to recognize LuAnn Roman for playing the organ at Bethany for several years. She is a member at Good Shepard in Sheboygan, and she will take on the main organist role as there is a new need in her church. I want to thank LuAnn on behalf of Bethany for the wonderful music and sharing her talents over the years. We will miss her.

In the month of August, we worked through the "kinks" in the streaming camera and control system which even meant some adjustments to the lighting in the sanctuary. It has been a good learning experience. The Elders have been trained, however, we realized that it will be difficult for the Elders to handle their responsibilities along with sound and streaming. So, I have been recruiting people to help with streaming and controlling the camera position during the service. Controlling the streaming is very easy while watching the service on a monitor from the Elder's room. So far, I've recruited a few high schoolers including my daughter, Grace. We need more volunteers so it spreads out the duties, and they can sit with their families most weeks. If we can get four, that's only once per month. Please consider helping out. I see it as a good transition after acolyting, and it's also a good way for high school students to collect service hours.

Speaking of the live streaming, I recommend everyone "subscribe" to Bethany's YouTube page. If you want to watch the stream live - it will be recorded every Sunday at 10:00 AM. You can either watch the services directly on YouTube, or you can use Bethany's website. Going to the YouTube page is easier by a few clicks of the mouse.

The direct Youtube link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL4a6UDmQTGeyMDS9zjCWPw>

You can also access the YouTube site on the Bethany website homepage: <https://bethanylutherankohler.org/>

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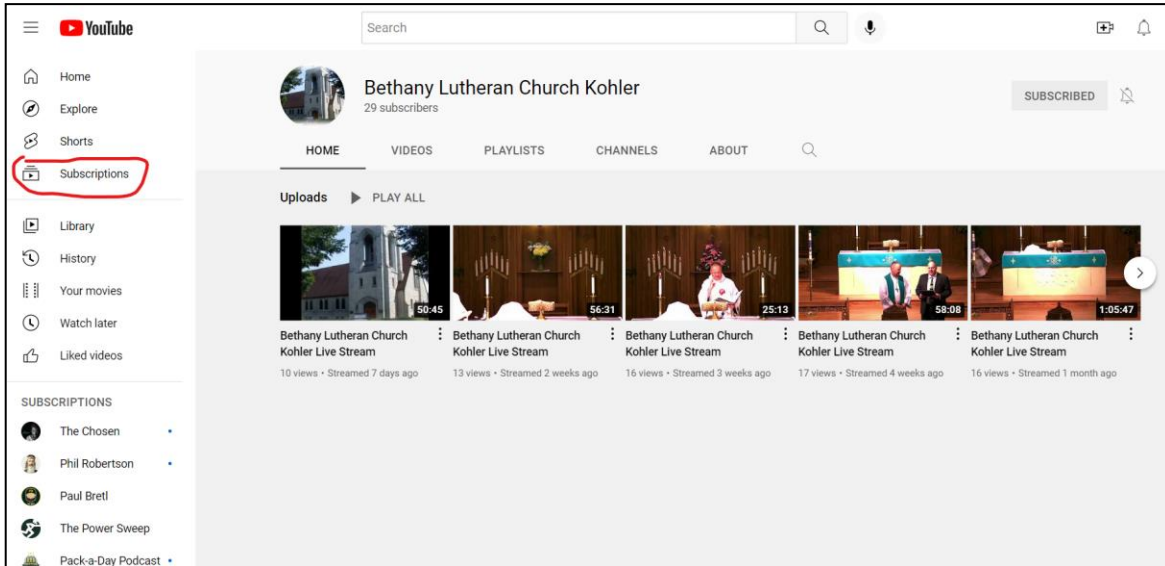
Sunday School @ 8:45 a.m. (Sept-May)
Adult Bible Study @ 8:45 a.m. (Sept-May)
Sunday Service @ 10:00 a.m.

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To view a LiveStream or to find past services, click on the YouTube icon below.

Once subscribed, select "Subscriptions from the menu". Then select the live stream video displayed on your subscriptions screen.



If you just want to watch a video (instead of watching it live), it takes a little while for YouTube to post the video to Bethany's YouTube page after the live stream is over – sometimes it takes a few hours.

If you are having trouble reaching the live stream or videos, please let me know as I'm learning along with everyone too. 😊 We want to make it easy for our members and potential new members to watch.

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 your "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

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will begin on Wednesday, September 14 at 3:15pm. Confirmation is for students in 5th – 8th grade. If you have any questions about confirmation, please contact Pastor or the church office.



ADOPT-A-BAG FOOD DRIVE

Bethany's 2022 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. Barb and Lee Gumm are the Bethany coordinators for our Adopt-A-Bag program.

COMBINED CHIME CHOIR

There is still time to join our combined chime choir. Practices will be before church on Sundays starting at 9:30am. Our first practice will be on Sunday, September 18. Remember, you do not need to know how to read music to play the chimes. The notes are color coded, and the music will be simple. Anyone can do it! Please consider enhancing our services with the beautiful sound of the chimes! There is a signup sheet in the back of church if you are interested or you can contact the church office or Julie Steele.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

This year, we will be studying "The Chosen" Season 2. There will be two opportunities each week to attend. Thursdays at 10:00am or Sundays at 8:30am (please note the time change). Bible Study will begin on Thursday, September 8 and Sunday, September 11. The books and the sign-up sheet can be found in the back of church.



Bethany's Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, September 11

11:00am - 2:00pm

Bethany Lutheran Church

*Food • Games • Prizes • Fellowship • Fun!
AND...We're bring back BINGO this year!!*

*All proceeds will benefit
Project Angel Hugs and Anchor of Hope*



**Lots of help is still needed at the church picnic on September 11. Sign up in the lower narthex or contact Gina in the church office if you are able to help.
Thank you!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children ages 3 years – 8th grade are invited to join our Sunday School. We meet every Sunday at 8:45am beginning on Sunday, September 11th. You do not need to be a member of the church to attend. All are welcome. Please fill out the below registration form and drop it off at church either in the offering plate or put it in the Sunday School Superintendent mailbox in the communication room. You can also email it to info@blckohler.com.



2022-23 Bethany Sunday School Registration

Child's Name: _____

Child's Grade: _____

Child's Birthdate: _____

Does your child have any allergies? If so, please list: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone (if applicable): _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Cell Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Cell Phone: _____

Primary Email Address (can be more than one)
(Used for important reminders and occasional updates)

Do you give permission for your child to be photographed/filmed? (photos may be used for educational and promotional purposes on publicly distributed printed materials (ie. Bethany brochures), within Bethany's facility (ie. Bulletin boards and narthex tv), or online including our Website or Facebook page. Understand that global access to the internet does not allow us to control who may access the photos but know that names will NEVER be used.

Yes

No

**Help support the Sheboygan County Hispanic Ministry by attending a Fiesta!
All information is below. RSVP by September 1.**

Saludos en el amor de nuestro Señor Jesucristo,
(Greetings in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ),

Rev. David Blas cordially invites you to the 2022 Sheboygan Lutheran Fiesta. We will celebrate and worship together as brothers and sisters in Christ. This fiesta will celebrate our mission, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Spanish.

Who: We invite all the friends of LCMS Ministerio Hispano Condado de Sheboygan to join us to celebrate six years of mission together.

What: We will enjoy a multi-cultural meal at 1:00 PM, hear stories of life change and mercy, and conclude with a special bilingual worship service.

Where: Sheboygan Lutheran High School,
3323 University Drive, Sheboygan

When: Sunday, September 18, beginning at 12:30 PM and wrapping up well before the Packers kick-off that evening

How: To join us on September 18th, the favor of a reply is appreciated by September 1, 2022 by calling 920-550-1003 or electronically at hispanicmission.org.



SAVE THE DATE

LIVING OUT
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5TH ANNUAL
DINNER / AUCTION

May He give you the desires of your heart
and make all of your plans succeed.

Psalm 20:4

Saturday, October 22, 2022

The Osthoff Resort

Elkhart Lake

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



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

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday, September 4

10:00 a.m.

w/Holy Communion

Elder:	Brian Faucher
Ushers:	Dave & Sue Prange
Acolyte:	Maggie Faucher
Altar Guild:	Gina & Madison Fibiger
Scripture Reader:	Sharon Werner
Door Locker:	Steve Marotz

Sunday, September 11

10:00 a.m.

Elder:	Andy Fibiger
Ushers:	Jerry Sabrowsky, Derek MacKenzie
Acolyte:	Aidan Brooks
Altar Guild:	Debbie & Steve Perry
Scripture Reader:	Lee Gumm
Door Locker:	Dan Menzer

Sunday, September 18

10:00 a.m.

w/Holy Communion

Elder:	Shua Yang
Ushers:	Brian Faucher, Dan Fibiger
Acolyte:	Elanore Faucher
Altar Guild:	Liz & Ken Buesing
Scripture Reader:	Steve Hazen
Door Locker:	Patrick Johnson

Sunday, September 25

10:00 a.m.

Elder:	Gerry Luebke
Ushers:	Ken Thompson, Bob Kuehlman, Rademacher
Acolyte:	Katelynn Regutis
Altar Guild:	Barb & Karl Kaeppler
Scripture Reader:	Todd Matte
Door Locker:	Ken Thompson

Thank
you!
Volunteers

September 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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04 10am Worship w/HC	05 	06 6:30pm Elders	07	08 10am Bible Study	09	10
11 8:30am Bible Study 8:45am Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Church Picnic	12	13 5:45pm Bd of Ed 6:15pm Finance 7pm Council	14 3:15pm Confirmation 5-8 grade	15 10am Bible Study	16	17
18 8:30am Bible Study 8:45am Sunday School 10am Worship w/HC	19	20	21 3:15pm Confirmation 5-8 grade	22 10am Bible Study	23	24
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