

Bethany Lutheran Church

Gathering

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" WOY 776

Greeting p. 28 WOY

Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" p. 29 WOY

Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings.

Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-9 p. 226 LBW

Second Lesson Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon

We Respond In Faith

Hymn of the Day "Lord You Give the Great Commission" WOY 756

Sharing of the Peace

Special Music Choir

Offering

Offertory Response "Let the Vineyards" p. 35 WOY

Offertory Prayer "Blessed Are You" p. 35 WOY

The Lord's Prayer p. 39 WOY

We Go To Serve

Benediction

Bells

Dismissal

Sending Hymn "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" WOY 721

Announcements

Welcome to Worship: A special word of welcome to guests in our midst. Please sign the Guest Register and do come again. Looking for a church home? We invite you to become a part of the family of Bethany.

Hearing Assistance Devices: are available for your use during the worship service. Please ask an usher or the person working with the sound system if you would like to try one.

Prayer Request: Mariam Lang, Gene Lostetter, Eunice Kanne, Jane McLain, Fran Anderson and the family of Norma Trittelwitz during their time of loss.

Continuing Prayer Concerns: Andy Dahlberg, Eric Hermansen families of military who have served or are currently serving our country. Missionaries Allan & Marie Krahn and family.

New Church Directory: Signups for our new church directory are available before and after the service. We will be taking pictures this week September 30th and October 1st. There are a few times still available. See Pastor Jay for details.

Newsletter Articles: are due by Wednesday October 1st in order to be in the October Newsletter.

Financial Peace University: Jake and Lindsay Grass will be facilitating a small group study of methods for becoming debt free. The beginning date for this will be October 19th here at Bethany Lutheran Church. It is a 13 week session meeting Sundays at 6pm. See Jake and Lindsay for details. There will be a **free preview** tonight at 6pm.

Confirmation: will begin this week at 5:30pm.

Congratulations: to Chuck and Larissa Lee as they reaffirmed their wedding vows yesterday.

Funeral Services: for Norma Trittelwitz will be held here at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon.

Bethany Picnic/Softball: what a success! The day was beautiful and we had a wonderful turnout of about 25 people. Everyone really enjoyed the lovely cool picnic spot and the ball game was a hoot! We're not sure which team scored the most runs so we decided to say that Bethany won! The E-team plans to do this type of event again in the future and we hope you can join us next time.

WELCA: Our next WELCA general meeting will be Monday October 6th at 6:30pm. If you have not gotten your kits in please do so by October 6th. Please leave the kits in the church basement on the counter by the south wall. Thank you.

Dollars for Scholars: The Grantsburg chapter of "Dollars for Scholars" is calling all cooks. Dollars for Scholars' goal this year is to get \$500 or more in scholarship money to EACH graduate at GHS intending to go to college or junior college. This goal was attained last year! The upcoming Homecoming Supper is our big fundraiser – please come Friday October 3rd to the Middle School for a great meal and silent auction. Can anyone donate a large bowl of yummy salad for this event? Bethany Church will have five graduates this year that will benefit from this endeavor – Gretchen Hedlund, Jessica Moyer, Jennifer Lisiecki, Jon Derocker, and Kevin Berry. If you would like to help please talk to Sara Ticknor. Thank you!

Luther Point Opportunities: This year's weekend camp theme will be ASK based on Matthew 7:7. Through bible study, games, crafts, campfires, worship and more, campers will learn how Jesus invites us to Ask, Seek, and Knock. Grandparent and Grandchild weekend camp will have a theme with a focus on the special family faith rituals and traditions that center around the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Coming Soon - 6th-8th grade weekend camp – October 18-19, 2008. The deadline is October 6th.

The Week Ahead

| Date | Event | Time | Place |
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| Tuesday | Directory Portraits | 3p.m. – 9p.m. | Church |
| Wednesday | Directory Portraits Confirmation Hymn Choosing Group E-team | 3p.m. – 9p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Church Church Church Church |
| Sunday | Worship | 11:00 a.m. | Church |

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Our Mission Statement: “To Spread the good news of the saving grace of Jesus Christ to our community and neighbors and to nurture and strengthen the faith of, and care for, our members.

