

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Mustard Seed

April 2017

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This month we celebrate new life, a new resurrected life in Jesus Christ. This is the season we see new life bursting out around us as nature returns to life in new and spectacular ways. That is a rebirth we are familiar with, we anticipate it, we look forward to this annual event. In the same way, we are reminded this month of rebirth and new life available to each of us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a rebirth and new life that God is offering to all of us. This season also reminds us of the rebirth and new life God provides the family of Bethany Lutheran Church. We have over the past weeks and months done some wondering together and thinking together about the nature of this rebirth, this new life that is a gift from God. We have been wondering together about the mission of Bethany in Onamia or maybe the idea that God's mission (in Onamia) has a church (Bethany).

We will be gathering as the family of Bethany for conversation bringing our individual thoughts together, sharing these thoughts with each other and developing them further. The first conversation will focus on who are we as Bethany, where our heart is as Bethany and why we are Bethany, why we do what we do now and what we will do in the coming years. The first set of conversations will be held on **Sunday April 23rd following worship and Wednesday April 26th at 7:00 PM.** These sessions will each be less than 90 minutes in length. Please make every effort to be at one or the other (or both if you would like). Information from these meetings will be the basis of conversation sessions in May where we will evaluate ideas and make some plans for the future.

I call the entire family of Bethany to be in prayer through April and May. Pray for our conversations that they may be directed by the Holy Spirit, pray for the ideas generated that they may be creative and pray for your planning that God's Mission in Onamia may find good use for Bethany.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor John

HELPERS FOR APRIL 2017

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

April 9
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ed & Shirley Stukey

April 16
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kephart

April 23
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

April 30
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Craig & Judy Hagman

May 7
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg

WORSHIP HOSTS

April 2
 Bob & Kaye Mickus & Judy Waytashek

April 9
 Gordy & Maverine Anderson & Chuck Anderson

April 16
 Ed & Shirley Stukey & Norma Thompson

April 23
 Ray & Sandy Kephart & Marian Veaaesen

April 30
 Andy & Norma Holen & Judy Waytashek

May 7
 Arden & Patti Virnig & Marian Veaaesen

OFFERING COUNTERS

April 2
 Ed Stukey & Kaye Mickus

April 9
 Bruce Peterson & Marian Veaaesen

April 16
 Sandy Kephart & Charleen Dahlgren

April 23
 Eileen Hastings & Dixie Peterson

April 30
 Craig Hagman & Ed Stukey

May 7
 Marian Veaaesen & Kaye Mickus

LECTORS

April 2
 Arden Virnig

April 9
 Colleen Kightlinger

April 16
 Judy Lundberg

April 23
 Judy Waytashek

April 30
 Joani Ellingson

May 7
 Patti Hook

PIANISTS

April 2 Barb
April 5 (Wed.) Joan
April 9 Brienna
April 13 (Thurs.) Joan
April 16 Brienna
April 23 Joan
April 30 Barb

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

April 2
April 9 Susan & Darcy
April 16 Hillman Group
April 23
April 30
May 7

If you can help out in providing treats for fellowship after worship, please call the church office to be put on the list. THANK YOU!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

April 9th	Gene McKenzie's Birthday
April 9th	Wayne & Kim Kucera's Anniversary
April 13th	Jack Hales Birthday
April 15th	Aliste Anderson's Birthday
April 16th	Gerald & Judy Vogtlin's Anniversary (40 yrs!)
April 24th	Jim Jones' Birthday
April 24th	Helen Vanderpoel's Birthday

HOMEBOUND OR RELOCATED?

If a family member or friend has become homebound or has been moved into Assisted Living or the Nursing Home, please share that information with the church office. THANK YOU!!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday through Friday 9am-3pm

Pastor John will be in the office on Tuesdays. Please stop in or call for an appointment.
 Pastor John's phone: 320-676-3130

DEADLINE for the May 2017 Mustard Seed will be **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, April 23rd.
 Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!

NO March Council meeting

WHY ARE WE BETHANY? WHAT DOES BEING BETHANY MEAN FOR OUR FUTURE?

Conversation will be held on **Sunday April 23rd following worship and Wednesday April 26th at 7:00 PM.** These sessions will each be less than 90 minutes in length. Please make every effort to be at one or the other (or both if you would like).

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Alleluia
He is

Risen

GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Prayer Shawl - Tuesday, April 4th at 4pm

Quilting - April 20th from 9am-3pm.

SENIOR COMPANIONS Meet at Bethany on the second Tuesday of each month from 9-11:30am.

Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 18th at 5:30pm.**

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION

SOUP SUPPERS - The last Lenten Soup Supper will be Wed., April 5th

HARVEST OF THE EARTH DINNER

Bethany will be hosting the Harvest of the Earth Dinner at Holy Cross on **Wednesday, April 19th.**

We need volunteers to prepare, serve and clean-up. We also need bars/ cookies.

Sign-up sheet is on the door. **THANK YOU!!**

CLASS OF 2017

We don't want to miss anyone so if you know a graduate from Bethany please have them contact the office to be included in the Senior Sunday Celebration!

HELP NEEDED!!!!

Mount Pleasant Cemetery Clean-up Day is **Saturday, April 29th** beginning at 9am. **ANY and ALL help is needed!!**

"Books for Bethany" for Bethany's Little Free Library!

Bethany will be sponsoring a Book Drive again this summer. Books will be collected every Sunday beginning May 1. Books should be new or in gently used condition. Books can be for children, teens, or adults. Please look through your closets and shelves, and begin saving "Books for Bethany"! Spread the word.

COMMUNITY DIAPER PROGRAM

The Onamia Area Early Childhood Coalition is proud to announce that we have been accepted into the Community Diaper Program! That means that we will have FREE diapers available to community members in need.

Diapers from size 1-6 are available at the Rolf Olsen Center. The Community Diaper Program is a joint effort of the White House, Jet, and Cuties Diapers. The Early Childhood Coalition can purchase diapers at a very low cost and pass them on FREE to families in need. No one should have to decide between buying food and buying diapers! Donations toward this project are welcome! Please talk to Susan B. or Darcy if you have questions or would like to help. Thank you for your support! Update: We have given out 3000 diapers since Feb!!

RUBY'S PANTRY

Food Distribution Program. Everyone who gets hungry qualifies! You receive an abundance of grocery items for a \$20 donation. Bring your own baskets or boxes for food. Located at the Lions Community Center, Onamia beginning **at 10:30 am the FIRST Monday of the month. Registration begins at 10am.**

Next three dates will be and April 3rd, May 1st & June 5th.

THANK YOU... to those who are giving through Thrivent Dollars!! Much appreciation!

APRIL 2017 MUSIC HAPPENINGS

PALM SUNDAY

Mark your calendars and join us on Palm Sunday, April 9th. Rejoice & Praise & Bethany Branches will be leading worship! Following worship there will be a light brunch!



YOUTH/ BETHANY BRANCHES

“Bethany Branches” (All children and young people age 4 through high school)

Sunday, April 9th : Meet at 8:15a.m. for rehearsal; lead worship at 9:30a.m.

All Children and young people from age 4 through high school are invited to participate in leading worship.

REJOICE & PRAISE

Rejoice & Praise will meet on **Sunday, April 9th at 8:15am** to lead worship at 9:30am.

LENT

<u>LENT SCHEDULE</u>	
April 5th - Soup Supper 5:30pm	Holden Evening Prayer Worship 7pm
April 9th - PALM SUNDAY	Worship 9:30am w/ Rejoice & Praise and Bethany Branches
April 13th - MAUNDY THURSDAY	Worship 7pm
April 16th - EASTER SUNDAY - Breakfast 8am	Worship 9:30am w/ Holy Communion



SUNDAY SCHOOL



Youth are dismissed immediately following the gospel reading during worship on Sunday mornings. There will be **NO Sunday School** on **Sunday, April 9th (Palm Sunday)** and **Sunday, April 16th (Easter)**.

APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2</p> <p>9:30am Word & Prayer</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:30am - RUBY'S PANTRY</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30pm - Soup Supper 7pm - Holden Evening Prayer Lent Worship</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5pm - Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30am - Men's Breakfast at UMC</p>
<p>9</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion Rejoice & Praise and Bethany Branches</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am - Senior Companions</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7pm - Maundy Thurs- day Worship w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>EASTER</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30pm - Council Meeting</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am-3pm - Quilting</p> <p>5pm - Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p> <p>"Why Are We Bethany" meeting following worship</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8am - Prayer Breakfast at UMC</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7pm - "Why Are We Bethany" meeting</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>	<p>May 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5pm - Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>

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Pastor - John Lundberg

Administrative Assistant - Darcy DeBoer

Music Coordinator - Susan Bracken

Treasurer - Ray Kephart

Council Members:

President - Kim Kucera

Vice President - Ray Kephart

Norma Holen

**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**

Address:

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

9:30am - Word & Prayer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

5:30pm - Soup Supper

7pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - PALM SUNDAY

8:15am - Rehearsal for Worship

**9:30am - Holy Communion w/ Rejoice & Praise
and Bethany Branches**

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7pm - Maundy Thursday Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 - EASTER

8am - Easter Breakfast

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, MAY 7

9:30am - Holy Communion

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Holden Evening Prayer Worship 7pm

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Worship 9:30am w/ Rejoice & Praise

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Worship 7pm

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