

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Mustard Seed

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Life is often filled with unexpected difficulties and challenges. Bethany's journey over the last five or six years has been full of twists and turns, highs and lows, bumpy roads and smooth sailing. I think it may be time to do some wondering about the future of the Bethany family. We each need to do our own thinking about the future. What are your hopes and dreams, your wants and wishes, your expectations? What do you see as the possibilities, prospects and potential for the future?

I am asking you to involve yourself in the wondering process, whether you are here all winter or away. Then in the spring when we are together again we can meet for conversation and share our wondering. My hope is that this will allow us to make some plans that will lead the Bethany family into the future.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor John

HELPERS FOR FEBRUARY 2017

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

February 5
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

February 12
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kephart

February 19
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg

February 26
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Craig & Judy Hagman

March 1 (ASH WEDNESDAY)
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

March 5
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Ed & Shirley Stukey

USHERS

February 5
Craig & Judy Hagman & Marian Veasen

February 12
Dwight & Bette Hagman & Norma Thompson

February 19
Gordy & Maverine Anderson & Chuck Anderson

February 26
Arden & Patti Virnig & Marian Veasen

March 1 (ASH WEDNESDAY)
Ray & Sandy Kephart

March 5
Andy & Norma Holen & Judy Waytashek



OFFERING COUNTERS

February 5
Bruce Peterson & Sandy Kephart

February 12
Marian Veasen & Dixie Peterson

February 19
Charleen Dahlgren & Sandy Kephart

February 26
Bruce Peterson & Craig Hagman

March 1 (ASH WEDNESDAY)
Marian Veasen & Sandy Kephart

March 5
Judy Hagman & Kaye Mickus

LECTORS

February 5
Sandy Kephart

February 12
Arden Virnig

February 19
Judy Waytashek

February 26
Colleen Kightlinger

March 1 (ASH WEDNESDAY)
Judy Lundberg

March 5
Patti Hook

PIANISTS

February 5 Barb Bendson
February 12 Susan Bracken
February 19 Barb Bendson
February 26 Joan Straw
March 1 (Ash Wed.) Joan Straw
March 5 Barb Bendson

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

February 5 Judy Lundberg
February 12
February 19 Hillman Group
February 26
March 5

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!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY

February 3rd	Jim Ellingson's Birthday
February 7th	Jay Kephart's Birthday
February 13th	Mark & Michelle Anderson's Anniversary
February 14th	John & Sharon Leek's Anniversary
February 16th	Gordy & Maverine Anderson's Anniversary
February 19th	Joan Straw's Birthday
February 19th	Donald Lemke's Birthday
February 26th	Arden Virnig'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 is in the office on Tuesdays. Please stop in or call for an appointment.
Pastor John's phone: 320-676-3130

DEADLINE for the March 2017 Mustard Seed will be **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, February 26th.
Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!

Minutes for January 17, 2017 Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

Members present: K. Kucera, Norma H. and Pastor John.

Pastor John led us in prayer.

The December 2016 minutes were approved. PJ/KK M/S/C

The agenda was approved with the addition of Darcy's review. NH/PJ M/S/C

Treasurers Report/Financial Update: No Financial report

Pastor's Report: 11/1/16-12/31/16 – Worship: Sundays (4), (3) Individual Long-term care contacts (1) Long-term care contacts. Attended Ruby's Pantry and Christmas Choir Concert and wrote (2) articles for the Mustard Seed.

Basement Update: Everything is on target

Planning Session: Pastor John received an email for the Spring Heartland Assembly for Feb. 12 @ 2pm at Camp Onomia. Check with Ed Stukey as he's done in the past or ask for volunteers at the 1/22/17 services. Pastor John requested that the congregation start looking at future plans. Suggest writing in the newsletter to bring people together to start thinking of long range planning.

Next meeting is Tues., Feb. 21 at 5:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm.

Submitted By: Kim Kucera, Acting Secretary

FEBRUARY 2017 COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 21st at 5:30pm

GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Prayer Shawl - February 7th at 4pm.

Quilting - February 16th from 9am-3pm.

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

Council meeting is **Tues., Feb. 21st at 5:30pm.**

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION

SOUP SUPPERS

Soup Suppers will begin at 5:30pm on Wednesday evening during Lent beginning March 1st (Ash Wednesday). There is a sign-up sheet at church if you'd like to help provide for a supper. Thank You!



WHAT HYMN OR SONG MEANS A LOT TO YOU?

During our Wednesday night Holden Evening Prayer worship gatherings we want to hear from you! Please consider giving a 2-3 minute talk about a song that you love. Why is it meaningful to you? How has it helped you on your faith journey? If you are willing to share, please talk to Susan or Darcy.
Thank you!

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. Beginning Feb. 1, diapers from size 1-6 will be 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. We hope to also have diapers available at Ruby's Pantry beginning in February. 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!

MARCH IS FOOD SHELF MONTH

Donations made to the food shelf in March are matched. Please bring your donations to Bethany from now through March and we will see that everything gets taken to the food shelf. Cash gift are also needed as they use this money to purchase food at a very reduced cost. **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS!!**

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

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 Feb. 6th, Mar. 6th & April 3rd.

LENT 2017



MARCH 1st - ASH WEDNESDAY	Soup Supper 5:30pm	Worship 7pm w/ Holy Communion
March 8th -	Soup Supper 5:30pm	Holden Evening Prayer Worship 7pm
March 15th -	Soup Supper 5:30pm	Holden Evening Prayer Worship 7pm
March 22nd -	Soup Supper 5:30pm	Holden Evening Prayer Worship 7pm
March 29th -	Soup Supper 5:30pm	Holden Evening Prayer Worship 7pm
April 5th -	Soup Supper 5:30pm	Holden Evening Prayer Worship 7pm
April 9th - PALM SUNDAY		Worship 9:30am w/ Rejoice & Praise
April 13th - MAUNDY THURSDAY		Worship 7pm
April 16th - EASTER SUNDAY	Breakfast 7am	Worship 9:30am w/ Holy Communion

There is a sign-up sheet for the Soup Suppers on the door in the Narthex

REJOICE & PRAISE

Mark your calendars and join us on Palm Sunday, April 9th
Bethany Rejoice & Praise Team will be leading worship!



MUSICIANS NEEDED - Beginning March 8th

If you are willing to help lead Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings during Lent, please arrive by 6:30pm for rehearsal. Thank you!

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth are dismissed immediately following the gospel reading during worship on Sunday mornings



FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>			1	2	3	4
<p>5</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:30am - RUBY'S PANTRY</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4pm - Prayer Shawl</p>	8	9	0	11
<p>12</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>19</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>26</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>	27	28	MARCH 1			4
	<p>6</p> <p>10:30am - RUBY'S PANTRY</p>	<p>7am - Prayer Breakfast at Bethany</p>	<p>5:30pm - Council Meeting</p>	<p>5pm - Bible study at UMC</p>		<p>8:30am - Men's Breakfast at UMC</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>		<p>4pm - Prayer Shawl</p>	<p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>5:30pm - Soup Supper</p> <p>7pm - Worship w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p>5pm - Bible study at UMC</p>		
			<p>8</p> <p>5:30 - Soup Supper</p> <p>7pm - Worship w/ Holy Communion</p>	9	10	11

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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, FEBRUARY 5

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

5:30pm - Soup Supper

7pm - Worship w/ Holy Communion

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)