

## The Mustard Seed

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It seems that Bethany as a congregation has found some time to rest in its' journey. With all of twists and turns, highs, lows and bumpy roads over the last five or six years we seem to have come to a place of resting and renewal. A plateau if you will. A place and time to get reoriented and regain our footing and balance. A time to think about and discuss the road ahead and where it will lead us. What are the tasks we will be facing? In April, you will be invited to a time of conversation as we look together to the road ahead. I hope we can generate some ideas, take some time to evaluate various ideas and directions and then lay some plans for the future.

We also need to be thinking and praying about leadership, who from within the family of Bethany will allow themselves to be led by the Holy Spirit to step into leadership roles for this next year and beyond. In May at the annual meeting we will be electing Council Members, constitutionally we can have up to 12 on the council. This year's Council has been as diligent and hard working as anyone could expect but three people cannot do the work of 12. The hopes and dreams for the future of Bethany are dependent on the willingness of the members of Bethany to take turns in leadership roles.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor John

Lent IS A TIME TO  
GROW  
CLOSER TO JESUS



## HELPERS FOR MARCH 2017

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

#### March 1 - ASH WEDNESDAY

(Servers) Council

(Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg

#### March 5

(Servers) Council

(Set-up/ Clean-up) Ed & Shirley Stukey

#### March 12

(Servers) Council

(Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kepar

#### March 19

(Servers) Council

(Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

#### March 26

(Servers) Council

(Set-up/ Clean-up) Craig & Judy Hagman

#### April 2

(Servers) Council

(Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

### WORSHIP HOSTS

#### March 5

Andy & Norma Holen & Judy Waytashek

#### March 12

Ed & Shirley Stukey & Chuck Anderson

#### March 19

Bruce & Dixie Peterson & Marian Veasen

#### March 26

Craig & Judy Hagman & Norma Thompson

#### April 2

Bob & Kaye Mickus & Judy Waytashek

### OFFERING COUNTERS

#### March 5

Judy Hagman & Kaye Mickus

#### March 12

Bruce Peterson & Ed Stukey

#### March 19

Sandy Kephart & Dixie Peterson

#### March 26

Craig Hagman & Charleen Dahlgren

#### April 2

Ed Stukey & Kaye Mickus

### LECTORS

#### March 5

Patti Hook

#### March 12

Sandy Kephart

#### March 19

Judy Waytashek

#### March 26

Joan Straw

#### April 2

Arden Virnig

### PIANISTS

#### March 1 (Wed.)

Joan

#### March 5

Barb

#### March 8 (Wed.)

Susan

#### March 12

Susan

#### March 15 (Wed.)

Joan

#### March 19

Barb

#### March 22 (Wed.)

Joan

#### March 26

Joan

#### April 2

Barb

### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

#### March 5

Carolyn Swanson

#### March 12

#### March 19

Hillman Group

#### March 26

#### April 2

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!**



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### MARCH

March 2nd

Brad Foure's Birthday

March 2nd

Dorothy Lemke's Birthday

March 7th

Kaye Mickus' Birthday

March 7th

Logan Anderson's Birthday

March 12th

Deloris Marschel's Birthday

March 19th

Charleen Dahlgren's Birthday

March 22nd

Butch & Eileen Hasting's Anniversary

March 25th

Darcy DeBoer's Birthday

March 27th

Dale & Colleen Kightlinger's Anniversary

March 30th

Mark Anderson'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 April 2017 Mustard Seed will be **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, March 26th.

Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!

**Minutes for February 2016 Council Meeting**

These minutes will not be approved until the March 21, 2017 meeting at which time they will be approved as is or with any additions or corrections.

The meeting was called to order by President K Kucera.

Members present: R. Kephart, K. Kucera, and Pastor John.

The Feb. 21, 2017 minutes were approved. PJ/RK M/S/C

The proposed agenda was approved. PJ/RK M/S/C

Treasurers Report/Financial Update: 2016 Year-end Bethany made a net income of \$772.54

The Profit & Loss statement for January 31, 2017 shows a net loss of \$797.60

Pastor's Report: 01/1/17-1/31/17 – Worship: Sundays (5), Long-term care Worship, Commendation of the Dying, Funeral. Individual Contacts: Long-term care contacts (5) Committees & Planning: Council Meeting (1), Finance (1), Mutual Ministry Team (1), Visitation Team (2) and Funeral Planning. Events and Miscellaneous: Ruby's Pantry, Reformation Seminar, Synod Pastors Meeting (1), Onamia Community Prayer Breakfast and Mustard Seed Article (1).

Planning: Continue to work with congregation regarding long range thinking. He would like to hold 2 conversational meetings to explore furthering the future of Bethany. 1st meeting will be scheduled for April. Pastor reported he will not be available to the March Council meeting.

Basement update: Currently working on the floor. Walls will be painted after the floors are done.

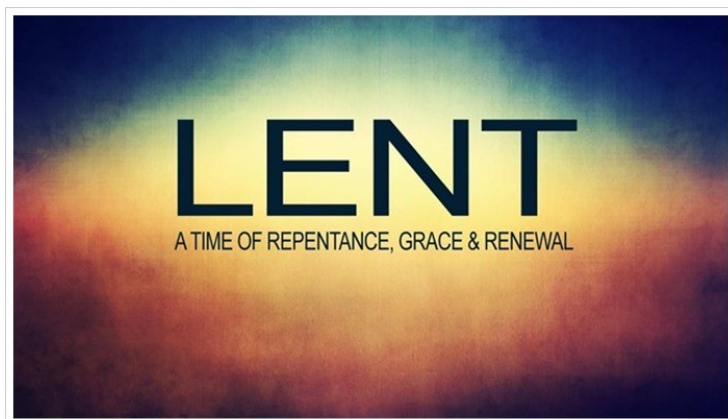
Synod Assembly: End of April. Motion made that Ray & Sandy Kephart represent Bethany. KK/PJ M/S/C

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Our next meeting will be held on March 15, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted By:

Kim Kucera, Acting Secretary



## **GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.**

**Prayer Shawl** - Tuesday, March 7th at 4pm

**Quilting** - March 16th 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, March 21st at 5:30pm.**

## **MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION**

### **SOUP SUPPERS**

Soup Suppers will begin at 5:30pm on Wednesday evening during Lent.  
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!

### **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!!**

### **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!

### **CHANGE FOR CHILDREN**

In partnership with the Onamia Area Early Childhood Coalition and Mille Lacs Health System, we are collecting pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. A collection jar is located on the counter outside the sanctuary. All coins donated will be used to help local families and young children in need. A number of local businesses are matching donations, so your coins will be multiplied many times over! **THANK YOU!**

### **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.  
Please let Darcy know if you can help or provide treats. **THANK YOU!!**

### **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 Mar. 6th, April 3rd and May 1st.**

# MARCH 2017 MUSIC HAPPENINGS

**MUSICIANS NEEDED**

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

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<b>LENT SCHEDULE</b>		
MARCH 1st - <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	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 - <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>		Worship 9:30am w/ Rejoice & Praise
April 13th - <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>		Worship 7pm
April 16th - <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	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  
Rejoice & Praise & Bethany Branches will be leading worship!

# YOUTH HAPPENINGS



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

# MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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>9am - Senior Companions</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30pm - Soup Supper 7pm - Holden Evening Prayer Lent Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5pm - Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30am - Men's Breakfast at UMC</p> <p>DST- Set clocks ahead 1 hour tonight</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9am - Senior Companions</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30pm - Soup Supper 7pm - Holden Evening Prayer Lent Worship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9am-3pm - Quilting</p> <p>5pm - Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30pm - Council Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30pm - Soup Supper 7pm - Holden Evening Prayer Lent Worship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8am - Prayer Breakfast at Holy Cross</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30pm - Soup Supper 7pm - Holden Evening Prayer Lent Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</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**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 - ASH WEDNESDAY**

5:30pm - Soup Supper

7pm - Ash Wednesday Worship

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

9:30am - Holy Communion

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**

5:30pm - Soup Supper

7pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

9:30am - Holy Communion

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

7pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

9:30am - Holy Communion

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

7pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

9:30am - Holy Communion

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29**

5:30pm - Soup Supper

7pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

9:30am - Holy Communion

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Daylight Savings Time begins on  
March 12th. Remember to move  
your clocks ahead one hour.