

The Mustard Seed

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This is an exciting time in the life of Bethany Lutheran Church. In April, we began the process of bringing our thoughts together regarding the future of Bethany. We had a great turnout and worked on some difficult and at times confusing concepts. Thank you for your efforts and your diligence. In May, we continue to move that process ahead. A second set of conversations will be held on Sunday May 7th following worship and Wednesday May 10th 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). We will try to wrap the process up and put some next action steps in place with a conversation on Wednesday May 24th at 7:00 PM. If you missed the sessions in April please join us at the May sessions.

Sunday May 21st after worship we will gather for our annual meeting, a time to review and celebrate the last year. A time to be led by the Holy Spirit in the election of council members who will lead Bethany into the future.

I call the entire family of Bethany to be in prayer through May. Pray for our conversations that they may continue to be directed by the Holy Spirit, pray for the ideas generated that they may be creative and pray for our planning that God's Mission in Onamia may make good use of Bethany. Also keep in your prayers those discerning a call to leadership as part of the church council that will direct Bethany into the future.

May this Easter season of renewal and new life deeply inspire the Bethany family as we move into the future.

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor John

HELPERS FOR MAY 2017

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

May 7
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg
May 14
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ed & Shirley Stukey
May 21
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kephart
May 28
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones
June 4 - PENTECOST
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Craig & Judy Hagman

WORSHIP HOSTS

May 7
 Arden & Patti Virnig & Marian Veasen
May 14
 Jim & Joan Ellingson & Judy Waytashek
May 21
 Gordy & Maverine Anderson & Norma Thompson
May 28
 Ed & Shirley Stukey & Chuck Anderson
June 4
 Ray & Sandy Kephart & Marian Veasen

OFFERING COUNTERS

May 7
 Marian Veasen & Kaye Mickus
May 14
 Bruce Peterson & Ed Stukey
May 21
 Craig Hagman & Sandy Kephart
May 28
 Charleen Dahlgren & Eileen Hastings
June 4
 Dixie Peterson & Marian Veasen

LECTORS

May 7
 Patti Hook
May 14
 Sandy Kephart
May 21
 Arden Virnig
May 28
 Joan Straw
June 5
 Colleen Kightlinger

PIANISTS

May 7 Melodie
May 14 Susan
May 21 NEEDED
May 28 Joan
June 4 Brienna

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

May 7 Velma J. & Patti W.
May 14
May 21 Hillman Group
May 28
June 4 Rejoice & Praise

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!



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

<u>May 1st</u>	Carol Kephart's Birthday
<u>May 7th</u>	June Dahlgren's Birthday
<u>May 10th</u>	Marlis Saker's Birthday
<u>May 22nd</u>	Clarence Nasby's Birthday
<u>May 28th</u>	Maverine 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 is in the office on Tuesdays. Please stop in or call for an appointment.
 Pastor John's phone: 320.676.3130

DEADLINE for the June 2016 Mustard Seed will be NO LATER THAN Sunday, May 28th.
 Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!

Minutes for April 2017 Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President K Kucera.

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

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

The proposed agenda was approved with the following additions; Annual Meeting and Nominees for Council. KK/RK M/S/C

Treasurers Report/Financial Update: Council requests current month and year-to-date for the profit & loss statement at each Council meeting.

Pastor's Report: 02/1/17-03/31/17 – Worship: Sundays (5) plus Ash Wednesday, Long-term care Worship, Contacts: Individual Contacts (1), Long-term care contacts (2) Committees & Planning: Council Meeting (1), Finance (1), Events and Miscellaneous: Ruby's Pantry, Synod Pastors Meeting (1), Hosted the Onamia Community Prayer Breakfast and Mustard Seed Article (1), Conference Assembly.

Planning: Next 11 months - looking for congregations feedback on who we are and where we need to go.

Basement update: Floor is done, painting is done with a HUGE thank you to Richard Asmus, Chuck Anderson & Gordy Anderson. Council would like to have a huge thank you recognizing everyone who assisted with the project with an Open House to show off the new area. Details pending. BOILER: The Boiler is in need of repair. Currently the Council is looking at repair vs. replacement.

Annual Meeting: The Annual meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2017. Notice to be included beginning on May 7th. Plan for a potluck following the annual meeting (No need for sign-up), just encourage the congregation to bring items.

Nominees for Council: Discussion was held regarding options for Council members. Review current member list and have 20 possible candidates identified. The Council will make contact with the individuals prior to the annual meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be held on May 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted By:

Kim Kucera, Acting Secretary

May Council meeting is Tuesday, May 17th at 5:30pm

GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Prayer Shawl - Tuesday, May 2nd at 4pm

Quilting - May 18th from 9am-3pm.

Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 16th at 5:30pm.**

“LOOKING TO THE FUTURE” CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, May 7th following worship, **Wednesday, May 10th at 7pm** and
Wednesday, May 24th at 7pm. PLEASE JOIN US!

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION

ANNUAL MEETING/ POT-LUCK LUNCH

Bethany Lutheran Annual Meeting will be Sunday, May 21st immediately following worship! **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!!** A pot-luck lunch will follow the meeting.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: CONVERSATIONS CONTINUE

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“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.

FISHIN’ WITH ABEL - MAY 20st 8am - 2pm at Bayview

Door prizes and drawings at 3 pm. Fairview Foundation fundraiser in memory of Abel Vanderpoel.
Call Judy for more information at 532-3938.

BIG THANK YOU..... to Dick Asmus, Gordy Anderson and Chuck Anderson for all their hard work and talents painting the ENTIRE basement, entryway and doors at Bethany! **BEAUTIFUL JOB!!**

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 May 1st, June 5th and July 3rd

MILLE LACS AREA OPERATION COMMUNITY CONNECT - Community Connect at Onamia Elementary
Monday, June 5th from 10am-2pm.

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

MAY 2017 MUSIC HAPPENINGS

REJOICE & PRAISE



REJOICE AND PRAISE SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, JUNE 4th - PENTECOST
8:15am - Rehearsal for Worship
9:30am - Rejoice & Praise leads worship

PENTECOST is Sunday, June 4th. PLEASE wear red to celebrate Pentecost.

BETHANY BRANCHES

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

Sunday, June 4th : 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 as singers, musicians, readers, and actors.

For more information contact Susan Bracken or Colleen Kightlinger.



JUNE 4th

YOUTH HAPPENINGS



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth are dismissed immediately following the gospel reading during worship on Sunday mornings
 LAST DAY of Sunday School is May 21st. We will resume this Fall.

MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:30am - RUBY'S PANTRY	2 4pm - Prayer [Shaw]	3	4 5pm - Bible study at UMC	5	6
7 9:30am Holy Communion	8	9 2pm - Mutual Ministry Meeting	10 7pm - "Looking to the Future Conver- sation	11	12	13 8:30am - Men's breakfast at UMC
S.S. following the Gospel "Looking to the Future" Conversation following worship						
14 9:30am Holy Communion	15	16	17 6pm - Harvest of the Earth Dinner at Holy Cross	18 9am-3pm - Quilting	19	20
S.S. following the Gospel		5:30pm - Council Meeting		5pm - Bible study at UMC		
MOTHER'S DAY						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30am Holy Communion			7pm - "Looking to the Future Conver- sation			
S.S. following the Gospel						
Annual Meeting following worship with Potluck lunch						
28 9:30am Holy Communion	29	30	31	June 1	2	3
	MEMORIAL DAY					
4 PENTECOST	5	6	7	8	9	10
REJOICE & PRAISE						

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Council Members:

Pastor - John Lundberg

President - Kim Kucera

Vice President - Ed Stukey

Secretary - Pat Hatlestad

Norma Holen - Ray Kephart - Butch Hastings

Music Coordinator - Susan Bracken

Administrative Assistant - Darcy DeBoer

**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**

Address:

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 7

9:30am - Holy Communion

"Why We Are Bethany" meeting following worship

SUNDAY, MAY 14 - MOTHER'S DAY

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, MAY 21

9:30am - Holy Communion

ANNUAL MEETING following Worship/ Potluck

SUNDAY, MAY 28

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JUNE 4th - PENTECOST

8:15am - Rehearsal for Worship

9:30am - Rejoice & Praise w/ Holy Communion

ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, May 21st

**Meeting immediately following
worship with a pot-luck lunch
following the meeting.**



**Rejoice & Praise and Bethany
Branches will be leading Worship
on Pentecost! JOIN US!**

Sunday, June 4th