

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Mustard Seed

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We will gather for a time to celebrate and review this last year and look ahead to the next twelve months. A time to be led by the Holy Spirit in the election of council members who will lead Bethany into the future. This will take place at our annual meeting Sunday May 20th after worship with potluck lunch to follow the meeting.

I call the entire family of Bethany to be in prayer through May. Pray for our future that it continues to be directed by the Holy Spirit, pray for 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 the next twelve months.

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 2018

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

May 13
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg
May 20 - PENTECOST
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones
May 27
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ed & Shirley Stukey
June 3
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kephart

WORSHIP HOSTS

May 6
 Ray & Sandy Kephart & Marian Veasen
May 13
 Dick & Elaine Asmus & Chuck Anderson
May 20
 Arden & Patti Virnig & Judy Waytashek
May 27
 Andy & Norma Holen & Norma Thompson
June 3
 Jim & Joani Ellingson & Dennis DeFrang

OFFERING COUNTERS

May 6
 Bruce Peterson & Sandy Kephart
May 13
 Charleen Dahlgren & Dixie Peterson
May 20
 Ed Stukey & Judy Hagman
May 27
 Marian Veasen & Sandy Kephart
June 3
 Bruce Peterson & Craig Hagman

LECTORS

May 6
 Judy Waytashek
May 13
 Joani Ellingson
May 20
 Arden Virnig
May 27
 Judy Waytashek
June 3
 Dixie Peterson

PIANISTS

May 6 Barb
May 13 Barb
May 20 Barb
May 27 Barb
June 3 Barb

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

May 6
May 13
May 20 Hillman Group
May 27
June 3 Senior Sunday - Cake

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

<u>MAY</u>	
May 1st	Carol Kephart's Birthday
May 7th	June Dahlgren's Birthday
May 10th	Marlis Saker's Birthday
May 28th	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 2018 Mustard Seed will be **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, May 27th.
 Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!

Minutes for March 2018 Council Meeting

Members present: N. Holen, P. Hook ,V. Jones ,P. Olson and D. Peterson .

Members absent: R. Kephart, Pastor John

Consent Agenda was approved.

Old Business: A. Basement Flooring/waxing and sealing-A contractor has been found to wax and seal the basement flooring. This includes the dining room, kitchen, Sunday School rooms, bathroom, and hallway. The council approved up to \$3,000 to have this work done even though we are expecting the costs to be closer to \$1,800-\$2,000. Hopefully all the flooring work should be done by early April. B. “Nuts and Bolts and a Few Loose Screws” workshop review and discussion. The council attended a session called “Creative Disarray-Models for Ministry in Changing Times.” After the session the council went through the suggested discussion questions. The council will be using the questions for the Annual Meeting in May. The questions will be printed in the bulletin for several Sundays before the Annual Meeting.

New Business: A. Easter Brunch (April 15) The breakfast will be held after church on April 15. A sign-up sheet will be posted so people can sign up to bring items and help with the breakfast. B. Parsonage walk-through- The annual parsonage walk through will take place in June at the regular council meeting. C. Professional spray job for insects- A quote for \$75 was given to the church to spray for insects.

Project Updates: A. The council is planning to continue visiting with area people about future ministry plans. B. There was discussion about purchasing some outdoor swoops with the message inviting people to come and worship at Bethany. C. Communion rails- There was a discussion about trying to use the communion rails as part of communion more often as part of prayer and reflection time. D. Ruby’s Pantry– Darcy is the new site leader of Ruby’s Pantry for Bethany. E. Teal’s Grocery receipts- The rebates from the receipts from Teal’s goes into Bethany’s general fund.

Next month’s council meeting will be Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, May 20th.

Meeting was adjourned,

Dixie Peterson, council secretary

APRIL Council meeting is Tuesday, May 1st at 7pm

GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Prayer Shawl - Tuesday, May 1st at 4pm

Quilting - May 15th from 9am-3pm.

Council meetings are scheduled for **Tuesday, May 1st (April's meeting)**
and **Tuesday, May 15th**

Senior Companions is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 8th at 7pm.**

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION

FISHIN' WITH ABEL - MAY 19th at Bayview

Registration at 8am. Door prizes and drawings at 4 pm. Proceeds are given to the Fairview Foundation in memory of Abel Vanderpoel. Call Judy for more information at 532-3938.

ANNUAL MEETING/ POT-LUCK LUNCH

Bethany Lutheran Annual Meeting will be Sunday, May 20th immediately following worship!
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!! A pot-luck lunch will follow the meeting.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY PROJECT!

BETHANY IS GETTING A LITTLE FREE PANTRY! IT WILL BE INSTALLED BESIDE THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY SOMETIME THIS SUMMER. A LITTLE FREE PANTRY IS A PLACE (VERY SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO A LITTLE FREE LIBRARY) WHERE PEOPLE CAN TAKE FOOD IF THEY NEED IT, AND LEAVE FOOD IF THEY HAVE ENOUGH TO SHARE. LET'S COLLECT CANS OF FOOD TO PREPARE! WE WILL START OUR PROJECT ON APRIL 8, AND CONTINUE EVERY SUNDAY UNTIL MAY 27. BRING CANS OR OTHER WATER-TIGHT CONTAINERS OF FOOD WHENEVER YOU CAN DURING THE PROJECT. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LITTLE FREE PANTRIES VISIT LITTLEFREEPANTRY.ORG.

Onamia Area Early Childhood Coalition 3rd Annual Rum River Rubber Ducky Race

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11th - Ducks will be dropped in at the Rum River launch site in Onamia at 1 p.m. and retrieved at the Soo Line Trail bridge. Prizes awarded to the top 10 ducks. Adopt a duck for \$5. See Darcy or Susan.

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

Donated books should be new or in gently used condition. Books can be for ages birth to teen. Please look through your closets and shelves, and bring in your "Books for Bethany"! Spread the word.

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 7th, June 4th and July 2nd

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

PENTECOST is Sunday, May 20th. PLEASE wear red to celebrate Pentecost.

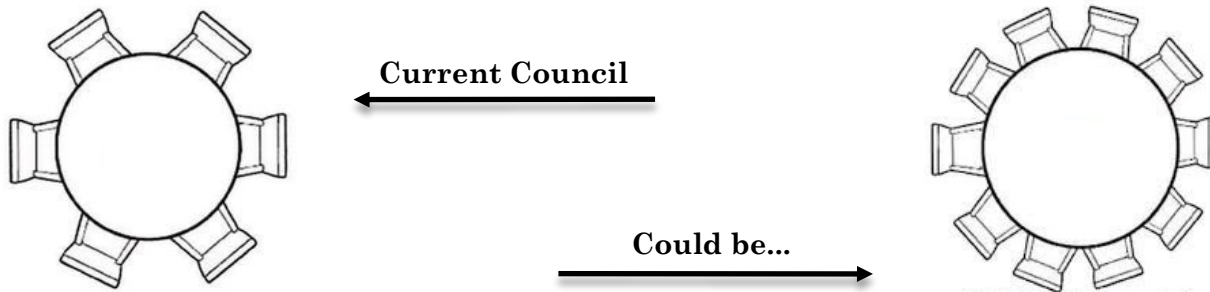


HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Instead of having Mother's Day revolve around only mothers, we should celebrate the many fantastic roles *all* women out there have. Women who have mothered, guided, supported, and loved people that they didn't give birth to. Having a family isn't a right; it's a privilege. Sometimes sharing DNA with someone makes you family, and sometimes it doesn't. It's about how you treat people. You can have a mother figure in your life, a best friend that's more like a sister, or a boss who's mentored you from day one, and that woman is just as important (and for some, more so) as the one who did or didn't raise you. Look all around you — next to you at a traffic light, behind you in line at the coffee shop, ahead of you on the running trail — and I guarantee you'll find women worth celebrating!

COUNCIL NEWS

Please consider joining Bethany's Council. WE NEED YOUR IDEAS AND TALENTS. A few people, a few good ideas and talents. More people, more good ideas and talents!



ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 20th

YOUTH HAPPENINGS



SUNDAY SCHOOL
Youth are dismissed immediately following the gospel reading during worship on Sunday mornings
LAST DAY of Sunday School is May 20th. We will resume this Fall.

MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6</p> <p>9:30am Word & Prayer</p> <p>S. S. following the Gospel</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:30am - RUBY'S PANTRY</p>	<p>1</p> <p>4pm - Prayer Shawl</p> <p>7pm - Council Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5pm - Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30am - Men's breakfast at UMC</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S. S. following the Gospel</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am-3pm - Quilting</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5pm - Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>PENTECOST</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S. S. following the Gospel</p> <p>Annual Meeting following worship with Potluck lunch</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p>	<p>28</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>June 1</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>SENIOR SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>

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Council Members:

President - Pam Olson
Vice President - Velma Jones
Secretary - Dixie Peterson
Treasurer - Ray Kephart
Norma Holen - Patti Hook

Music Coordinator - Susan Bracken
Administrative Assistant - Darcy DeBoer

RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED

Address:

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 6

9:30am - Word & Prayer
Sunday School following the Gospel Reading

SUNDAY, MAY 13 - MOTHER'S DAY

9:30am - Holy Communion
Sunday School following the Gospel Reading

SUNDAY, MAY 20 - PENTECOST

9:30am - Holy Communion
Sunday School following the Gospel Reading
ANNUAL MEETING following Worship/ Potluck

SUNDAY, MAY 27

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD - SENIOR SUNDAY

9:30am - Holy Communion

ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, May 20th

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



**Please wear RED on Pentecost
Sunday, May 20th**

Sunday, May 20th