

# BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## The Mustard Seed

October 2017

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<i>Council Info</i>	3	When we make a new acquaintance we often begin by asking questions about their history. Our history often helps define who we are what we may have in common with the other. Where do your histories overlap? Our history is our story. We also have a history, a story, as children of God, both individually and collectively as a church. All these histories are important as the story defines who we are and where we fit in the world.
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Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor John

**FESTIVAL SUNDAY - OCTOBER 15, 2017**

**Worship w/ Communion and Rejoice & Praise at CAMP ONOMIA AT 10:30AM. Lunch to follow. Please join us!!**

## HELPERS FOR OCTOBER 2017

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

October 1  
 (Servers) Council  
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones  
October 15 - Camp Onomia  
 (Servers) Council  
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Joani Ellingson  
October 22  
 (Servers) Council  
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kephart

### USHERS/ GREETERS

October 1  
 Arden & Patti Hook & Judy Waytashek  
October 8  
 Ed & Shirley Stukey & Norma Thompson  
October 15  
 CAMP ONOMIA  
October 22  
 Jim & Joani Ellingson & Marian Veaaesen  
October 29  
 Craig & Judy Hagman & Chuck Anderson  
November 5  
 Ray & Sandy Kephart & Judy Waytashek

### OFFERING COUNTERS

October 1  
 Charleen Dahlgren & Sandy Kephart  
October 8  
 Bruce Peterson & Marian Veaaesen  
October 15  
 CAMP ONOMIA  
October 22  
 Ed Stukey & Dixie Peterson  
October 29  
 Craig Hagman & Eileen Hastings  
November 5  
 Ed Stukey & Sandy Kephart

### LECTORS

October 1  
 Judy Waytashek  
October 8  
 Patti Hook  
October 15  
 CAMP ONOMIA - Colleen Kightlinger  
October 22  
 Judy Lundberg  
October 29  
 Sandy Kephart  
November 5  
 Dixie Peterson

### PIANISTS

October 1 Brienna Kightlinger  
October 8 Barb Bendson  
October 15 Barb Bendson  
October 22 Joan Straw  
October 29 Barb Bendson  
November 5 Barb Bendson

### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

October 1 NEEDED  
October 8 NEEDED  
October 15 CAMP ONOMIA LUNCH  
October 22 NEEDED  
October 29 NEEDED  
November 5 NEEDED

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!

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### OCTOBER

<b>October 3rd</b>	Bette Hagman's Birthday
<b>October 5th</b>	Tim DeBoer's Birthday
<b>October 7th</b>	Shannon Smith's Birthday
<b>October 8th</b>	Mitch Kephart's Birthday
<b>October 9th</b>	Tom Bracken's Birthday
<b>October 15th</b>	Sharon Leek's Birthday
<b>October 19th</b>	Pastor Jim Swanson's Birthday
<b>October 23rd</b>	Tom & Susan Bracken Anniversary
<b>October 24th</b>	Roger Estrem's Birthday
<b>October 26th</b>	Sandy Kephart's Birthday
<b>October 27th</b>	Aiden Anderson's Birthday
<b>October 29th</b>	Merlin & June Thurk's Anniversary
<b>October 31st</b>	Carla Miller'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!!

Pastor John is in the office on Tuesdays.  
 Please stop in or call for an appointment.  
 Pastor John's phone: 320.676.3130

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
 Monday through Friday 9am-3pm

**DEADLINE** for the November 2017 Mustard Seed will be **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, October 22nd.  
 Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!

**Minutes for September 19, 2017 Council Meeting**

These minutes will not be approved until the Oct. 17, 2017 meeting at which time they will be approved as is or with any additions or corrections.

Members present: N. Holen, P. Hook, V. Jones, R. Kephart, P. Olson, D. Peterson and Pastor John.

Members absent: none

Devotions were given by Pastor John.

Consent agenda was approved.

Old Business: A. Furnace Project Update-Tim Stout and Rum River Electric will be installing a new heating system in the near future. Some fundraising will be done. The final cost is expected to be \$9,900. B. Sunday School Room Update- The council looked at the Sunday School room in the basement. We are hoping to get the floor in the classroom tiled and then get a rug so children can sit on the floor also.

Project Updates by council members-A. The stewardship dinner will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017 @10:30 am. The church service and a chicken dinner meal will both be held at Friendship Hall at Camp Onomia. Time and talents sheets will be handed out at that time. B.The council started a discussion about the church having a spaghetti dinner as a fund raiser for Angels Anonymous. This discussion will continue at the October council meeting. C. There was a discussion about some youth attending an Urban Immersion in November.

Other: Let's Talk discussions will be held on Sunday, October 1 and Tuesday, October 3. Pastor John's contract is up in December, Where do we go from here?

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 @7:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned.

Dixie Peterson

**RESCHEDULED!!! LET'S TALK TOGETHER!!**

**Sunday, Oct. 1 after worship and Tuesday October 3rd at 7:00 pm** there will be a time for conversation regarding the "Mission Plan", also feel free to bring any questions or concerns you may have regarding the life of Bethany. Come to one or the other or both, bring your questions and comments. Copies of the Mission Plan are available in the Narthex. **Let's talk, together.**

Next Council meeting is scheduled for **October 17th at 7 pm.**

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## GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.

**Prayer Shawl** - October 3rd at 4pm

**Quilting** - Quilting on Tues., Oct. 17th from 9-3pm

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

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **FESTIVAL SUNDAY!! at CAMP ONOMIA**

Come join us to Celebrate God's love for us  
**OCTOBER 15, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.**  
 Worship w/ Holy Communion and Rejoice & Praise  
 Opportunity to respond to God's Love  
 Catered lunch to follow the service  
*(Please use the lakeside door at the Camp)*

### **HURRICANE HARVEY/ HURRICANE IRMA**

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, designated for "Hurricane Response - United States" will be used entirely (100%) for this disaster until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and other like it. Make checks payable to Bethany Lutheran Church and put "Hurricane Response - United States" in the memo line and we will see that your contribution is forwarded to the relief fund. OR Make check payable to HURRICAN RESPONSE - UNITED STATES and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116



**Set your clocks back one  
hour before bedtime on  
Sat., Nov. 4th.**

### **Books for Bethany Blessing**

THANK YOU to all who donated books during Bethany's Summer Book Drive! The book drive has ended but books can be brought anytime to keep our Little Free Library full.

### **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 Oct. 2nd, Nov. 6th & Dec. 4th**

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

# OCTOBER 2017 MUSIC HAPPENINGS

**Rejoice and Praise will lead worship on Festival Sunday  
Oct. 15th at CAMP ONOMIA!**  
We will meet on **Sunday October 15** at 9:30 a.m. at the Camp



## REJOICE & PRAISE

**REJOICE AND PRAISE SCHEDULE**  
*SUNDAY, Oct. 15th - Meet at 9:30am at CAMP ONOMIA to lead worship at 10:30am*

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Community Christmas Choir rehearsals are  
**Wednesdays at Bethany Lutheran beginning at 7pm.**



## YOUTH HAPPENINGS



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Children will be dismissed after the gospel reading. AGES 4 and up WELCOME!!!

# OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <b>9:30am</b> Holy Communion</p> <p>S. S. following the gospel</p> <p>"Let's Talk" following Worship</p>	<p>2 10:30am - Ruby's Pantry</p>	<p>3 4pm - Prayer Shawl</p> <p>7pm - "Let's Talk"</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 3:30pm Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 <b>9:30am</b> Word &amp; Prayer</p> <p>S. S. following the gospel</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9-11:30am - Senior Companions</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 <b>8:30am</b> - Men's Breakfast at UMC</p>
<p>15 <b>FESTIVAL SUNDAY</b> <b>AT CAMP ONOMIA</b></p> <p>10:30am - Holy Communion w/ Rejoice &amp; Praise</p> <p>LUNCH following Worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9-3pm - Quilting</p> <p>7pm - Council Meeting</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 3:30pm Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 <b>9:30am</b> Holy Communion</p> <p>NO S. S. - MEA weekend</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 <b>9:30am</b> Word &amp; Prayer</p> <p>S. S. following the gospel</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 8am - Prayer Breakfast at UMC</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK TONIGHT</p>
<p>5 <b>9:30am</b> Word &amp; Prayer</p> <p>S. S. following the gospel</p>	<p>6 10:30am - Ruby's Pantry</p>	<p>7 4pm - Prayer Shawl</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>

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**PAID**  
**ONAMIA, MN**  
**PERMIT NO. 13**

**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, OCTOBER 1**

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 - FESTIVAL SUNDAY**  
**at CAMP ONOMIA**

**10:30am - Holy Communion and Rejoice & Praise**  
**Lunch following Worship**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

**9:30am - Holy Communion**  
**(NO Sunday School - MEA Weekend)**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

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

**FESTIVAL SUNDAY**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2017**  
**at CAMP ONOMIA**  
**Worship w/ Communion and**  
**Rejoice & Praise at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Lunch to follow! JOIN US!**