

# BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## The Mustard Seed

October 2018

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Come! Rediscover **your** place in God's story. Come! Rediscover **our** place in God's story. Our story as the people of God begins at creation and moves through Abraham and Sarah, the patriarchs; David and the kings, to Jesus and then the Church.

This coming year we will follow this story chronologically on Sunday morning at worship with a sermon series. From September to Christmas we will follow the story from creation to the birth of Jesus; from Christmas to Easter we will explore the life of Jesus as presented in the Gospel of Mark; and then from Easter through May we will explore the development and growth of the Church through Acts and Paul's letters.

This promises to be an exciting journey of discovery deepening the understanding we have of our identity as God's created, claimed and redeemed people.

**Come and rediscover!!!**

In Christ,

John

Pastor John



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## HELPERS FOR OCTOBER 2018

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

#### October 7 - Festival Sunday

(Servers) Council

(Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

#### October 14

(Servers) Council

(Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg

#### October 21

(Servers) Council

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

#### October 28

(Servers) Council

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

#### November 4

(Servers) Council

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

### USHERS/ GREETERS

#### October 7

Dick & Elaine Asmus & Marian Veasen

#### October 14

Jim & Joani Ellingson & Chuck Anderson

#### October 21

Arden & Patti Virnig & Norma Thompson

#### October 28

Dwight & Bette Hagman & Judy Waytashek

#### November 4

Ed & Shirley Stukey & Dennis DeFrang

### OFFERING COUNTERS

#### October 7

Sandy Kephart & Dixie Peterson

#### October 14

Ed Stukey & Kaye Mickus

#### October 21

Bruce Peterson & Marian Veasen

#### October 28

Craig Hagman & Sandy Kephart

#### November 4

Judy Hagman & Dixie Peterson

### LECTORS

#### October 7

Judy Lundberg

#### October 14

Colleen Kightlinger

#### October 21

Joan Ellingson

#### October 28

Judy Waytashek

#### November 4

Sandy Kephart

### PIANISTS

#### October 7

Barb B./ Joan S.

#### October 14

Barb Bendson

#### October 21

NEEDED

#### October 28

Barb Bendson

#### November 4

Barb Bendson

### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

#### October 7

Ice Cream Sundaes

#### October 14

NEEDED

#### October 21

Hillman group

#### October 28

NEEDED

#### November 4

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

**October 3rd**

Bette Hagman's Birthday

**October 5th**

Tim DeBoer's Birthday

**October 7th**

Shannon Smith's Birthday

**October 8th**

Mitch Kephart's Birthday

**October 9th**

Tom Bracken's Birthday

**October 15th**

Sharon Leek's Birthday

**October 23rd**

Tom & Susan Bracken Anniversary

**October 24th**

Roger Estrem's Birthday

**October 26th**

Sandy Kephart's Birthday

**October 27th**

Aiden Anderson's Birthday

**October 29th**

Merlin & June Thurk's Anniversary



### 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 2018 Mustard Seed will be **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, October 28th.  
Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!

<b>Minutes for September 18, 2018 Council Meeting</b>
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These minutes will be approved at the October, 16, 2018 meeting.

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

Members absent: D. DeFrang, R. Kephart, and P. Olson.

Consent Agenda was approved after the following discussion. Financial report- The books are accurate and in order. After the month of August, we are \$8,000 behind in our 2018 general fund balance. We need \$1,975 a Sunday to make our budget each month. This information will be in the Mustard Seed so the congregation is informed of Bethany's financial situation. Pastor report- Pastor John's contract is up October 31.

Old Business: A. Parsonage roof-This item was tabled until spring. B. Hearing loops-We will not be pursuing hearing loops at this time due to the expense. C. Zion Lutheran Church impressions- The council spent some time discussing the August meeting with Zion Lutheran Church from Milaca. D. Light of the Cross meeting- The planned September meeting will not be taking place due to Light of the Cross postponing the planned meeting. E. Stewardship Sunday- The council chose to have Stewardship Sunday be Sunday, October 7, 2018. After the 9:30 church service, the council will be serving sundaes to the congregation. Estimated giving cards and time and talents sheets will be handed out at that time.

New Business: A. New lawn mower- Bethany will need a different lawn mower starting next spring. There is a possibility that a mower might be available. Velma will check into the mower. B. Bury basement drain pipes- Ray will talk to the company that installed the pipes to find out what some of our options can be. C. Fall church cleaning day- Bethany's fall cleaning day was set for Saturday, October 13 starting at 10:00 am. More information about cleaning day will be in the Mustard Seed and the bulletin. D. Pastor contract- The council approved a motion to adjourn to an executive session immediately after the next council meeting on Oct. 16, 2018. We will work on our site roadmap for the synod and develop a form for taking our temperature in regards to our church's relationship with Pastor John.

Project Updates: A. Stewardship Sunday- The council planned Stewardship Sunday. The council will be serving sundaes on Sunday, October 7 following the 9:30 service.

Next month's council meeting will be Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned,

Dixie Peterson, council secretary

Next Council meeting is scheduled for <b>October 16th at 7 pm.</b>
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**GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.**

**Prayer Shawl** - November 6 at 4pm

**Quilting** - Quilting on Tues., Oct. 18th from 9-3pm

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

**MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**FESTIVAL SUNDAE!!**

Come join us to Celebrate God's love for us  
**OCTOBER 7, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.**  
 Worship w/ Holy Communion and Rejoice & Praise  
 Opportunity to respond to God's Love!  
 Make your own Sundae after worship!

**FALL CLEAN-UP DAY!!!**

**Saturday, October 13th at 10 am. We welcome EVERYONE who can help in ANY way!**

**FUNDRAISING BOARD**

The Fundraising Board is located on the door in the Narthex. Please fill out a space or two to help with the basement renovation expenses. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN!!**

**OCTOBER FUNDFEST**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25TH - 3:30-7PM AT THE ROLF OLSEN CENTER**

**FOOD, SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE, MUCH MORE!! PROCEEDS BENEFIT ONAMIA EARLY CHILDHOOD.**

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY**

We will be blessing and filling our Little Free Pantry on Sunday, Oct. 28th. Please join us!



**Set your clocks back one hour before bedtime on Sat., Nov. 3rd.**

**Books for Bethany**

**THANK YOU** to all who have donated and continue to donate books! Books can be brought anytime to keep our Little Free Library full. We do not need adult books.

**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.**

**The next date is Monday, November 5th, 2018**

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

**OCTOBER 2018 MUSIC HAPPENINGS**

**“PRAISE PERFECT”**  
**Sunday, Oct. 7 at Faith Lutheran in Isle**  
**5pm - Eats and Treats - 6pm - Concert by Area Praise Teams**  
**(including Bethany’s Rejoice & Praise)**



**REJOICE & PRAISE**

**REJOICE AND PRAISE SCHEDULE**  
**SUNDAY, Oct. 7th - Meet at 9am at to sing at 9:30am**

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

Community Christmas Choir rehearsals are  
**Wednesdays at Bethany Lutheran at 7pm**  
**beginning September 26th.**



**YOUTH HAPPENINGS**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**Children will be dismissed after the gospel reading. AGES 5 and up WELCOME!!!**

# OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:30am - Ruby's Pantry	2	3 7pm - Christmas Choir rehearsal	4 3:30pm Bible study at UMC	5	6
7 <b>FESTIVAL SUNDAY</b> 9:30am Holy Communion S. S. following the gospel	8	9 9-11:30am - Senior Companions	10 7pm - Christmas Choir rehearsal	11	12	13 8:30am - Men's Breakfast at UMC
14 9:30am Holy Communion S. S. following the gospel	15	16 7pm - Council Meeting	17 7pm - Christmas Choir rehearsal	18 3:30pm Bible study at UMC	19	20
21 9:30am Holy Communion NO S. S. - MEA weekend	22	23 9-3pm - Quilting	24 7pm - Christmas Choir rehearsal	25	26	27
28 9:30am Holy Communion S. S. following the gospel	29	30 8am - Prayer Breakfast at Vineland Chapel	31 7pm - Christmas Choir rehearsal	<i>Nov. 1</i>	2	3 REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK TONIGHT
4 9:30am Holy Communion S. S. following the gospel	5 10:30am - Ruby's Pantry	6 4pm - Prayer Shawl	7 7pm - Christmas Choir rehearsal	8	9	10

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President - Pam Olson

Vice President - Velma Jones

Secretary - Dixie Peterson

Treasurer - Ray Kephart

Norma Holen - Patti Hook - Dennis DeFrang

Music Coordinator - Susan Bracken

Administrative Assistant - Darcy DeBoer

**RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED**

Address:

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 - FESTIVAL SUNDAE**

**w/ Rejoice & Praise**

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14**

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21**

9:30am - Holy Communion

(NO Sunday School - MEA Weekend)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)



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