BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Mustard Seed

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We as a congregation and as individuals have invested time and energy this year in considering the idea that God's mission in Onamia has a church. For us that church is Bethany. We have shared with each other thoughts about God's mission and our role in that mission. We shared in worship, in prayer time and in April and May we had a series of conversation open to all. These efforts have come together in a "Mission Plan" for Bethany Lutheran (plan printed elsewhere in this Mustard Seed). This plan is not the "end all" or "be all" but is to be used as a dynamic strategy that will draw us into the future and offer us guidance.

On Sunday September 10th after worship and Tuesday September 12th 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. **Let's talk, together**.

Your Brother in Christ,

John

Pastor John



HELPERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

<u>September 3</u> (Servers) Council (Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones <u>September 10</u> (Servers) Council (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kephart <u>September 17</u> (Servers) Council (Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg <u>September 24</u> (Servers) Council (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ed & Shirley Stukey <u>October 1</u> (Servers) Council (Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

WORSHIP HOSTS

<u>September 3</u> Ray & Sandy Kephart & Marian Veaasen <u>September 10</u> Gordy & Maverine Anderson & Chuck Anderson <u>September 17</u> Andy & Norma Holen & Norma Thompson <u>September 24</u> Bruce & Dixie Peterson & Marian Veaasen <u>October 1</u> Arden & Patti Virnig & Judy Waytashek OFFERING COUNTERS <u>September 3</u> Charleen Dahlgren & Kaye Mickus <u>September 10</u> Ed Stukey & Sandy Kephart <u>September 17</u> Marian Veaasen & Dixie Peterson <u>September 24</u> Bruce Peterson & Eileen Hastings <u>October 1</u> Charleen Dahlgren & Sandy Kephart

> LECTORS September 3 Sandy Kephart September 10 Colleen Kightlinger September 17 Judy Lundberg September 24 Arden Virnig October 1 Judy Waytashek

PIANISTS

September 3Susan BrackenSeptember 10Susan BrackenSeptember 17Barb BendsonSeptember 24Joan StrawOctober 1October 1

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

<u>September 3</u> <u>September 10</u> <u>September 17</u> Kaye Mickus' 50th Anniversary <u>September 24</u> October 1

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!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER September 2nd Joan Ellingson's Birthday Butch Hasting's Birthday September 5th September 8th Patti Hook's Birthday September 8th Kim Kucera's Birthday Bob & Kaye Mickus' Anniversary September 9th September 10th Colleen Kightlinger's Birthday Lisa Anderson's Birthday September 12th September 19th Evelyn Hoeman's **100th** Birthday Eileen Hasting's Birthday September 19th September 19th Dale Kightlinger'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 October 2017 Mustard Seed will be <u>NO LATER THAN</u> Sunday, September 24th. Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!

Minutes for August 16, 2015 Council Meeting

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

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

Devotions were given by Pastor John.

Consent Agenda was approved.

Old Business: A. Project self-assignment process-Darcy and Pam are going to make a calendar to list projects that are currently being worked on. B. Review mission plan write up. -The council approved Bethany's mission plan with a few editing changes and comments. The council also approved to have the mission plan sent to the Synod office and to have the plan shared with the congregation. C. Furnace Project- We are close to having complete boiler bids. The council plans on meeting August 27 after church to make a decision about the bids. A furnace fund poster will be displayed to help raise funds for this project. Additional funds will be taken out of the Memorial Fund.

New Business: A .Mutual Ministry has been working on new member packets which will contain information for new members. There was discussion about an event being held in September or October. Project updates: A. Pam will be talking to the Lions about donating Thanksgiving meal money. B. Pam and Dixie will be working with the Mutual Ministry to help plan Stewardship Sunday. C. Patti has been talking with education leaders at the Onamia Alliance Church. The council approved working with the Alliance Church by providing space for a group of children and providing a snack for the group.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 @ 7:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned.

Dixie Peterson, Secretary

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GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Prayer Shawl - Tues. Sept 5th at 4pm

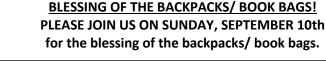
Quilting TUESDAY, Sept. 19th from 9-3pm. EVERYONE is welcome!

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

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

Sunday School begins on Sunday, Sept. 24th. Children will be dismissed after the Gospel Reading. We are hoping to have more children in the Sunday School Program this Fall. Also, anyone interested in helping with the Sunday School Program? If you would like to volunteer to help, even on an occasional Sunday morning, please talk to Norma Thompson or Mary Hulsing or call Norma at 532-3240. THANK YOU!!

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.

BOB & KAYE MICKUS' 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

In celebration of Bob & Kaye's 50th wedding anniversary they would like to invite you to Brunch after worship on Sunday, Sept. 17th. Everyone is invited! The only presents desired is your presence!



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 Sept. 5th (DATE CHANGE!), Oct. 2nd & Nov. 6th

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

HURRICANE HARVEY

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



REJOICE & PRAISE



REJOICE AND PRAISE SCHEDULE THERE WILL BE NO REJOICE AND PRAISE IN SEPTEMBER

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Community Christmas Choir rehearsals will take place on Wednesdays at **Bethany Lutheran beginning at 7pm**. Watch the bulletins for start date.



YOUTH HAPPENINGS



SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday School will resume on Sunday, Sept. 24th. Children will be dismissed after the gospel reading. ANY AND ALL AGES WELCOME!!!

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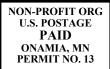
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Council Members:

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

Music Coordinator - Susan Bracken Administrative Assistant - Darcy DeBoer



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Address:

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 9am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS 9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 9:30am - Holy Communion BRUNCH - Bob & Kaye Mickus' 50th Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 9:30am - Holy Communion (Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 9:30am - Holy Communion (Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS/ BOOK BAGS! PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th for the blessing of the backpacks/ book bags.