

# The Mustard Seed

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."* **Albert Schweitzer.**

Many of you in our congregation know the truth that is to be found in Schweitzer's quote as you serve not only at Bethany but in the community as well. I would like to draw your attention to some of the opportunities to serve through Bethany's outreach this fall and winter.

RUBY'S PANTRY

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHOIR

PRAYER SHAWLS

ANGELS ANONYMOUS

LWR QUILTS

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

THANKSGIVING DINNER

May this be a year of finding real happiness in your serving and a year of being drawn closer to Jesus.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor John



## HELPERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

September 2  
(Servers) Council  
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones  
September 9  
(Servers) Council  
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Ed & Shirley Stukey  
September 16  
(Servers) Council  
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg  
September 23  
(Servers) Council  
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kephart  
September 30  
(Servers) Council  
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Craig & Judy Hagman  
October 7  
(Servers) Council  
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

### WORSHIP HOSTS

September 2  
Arden & Patti Virnig & Marian Veasen  
September 9  
Ed & Shirley Stukey & Dennis DeFrang  
September 16  
Ray & Sandy Kephart & Chuck Anderson  
September 23  
Bruce & Dixie Peterson & Norma Thompson  
September 30  
Gordy & Maverine A. & Judy Waytashek  
October 7  
Dick & Elaine Asmus & Marian Veasen

### OFFERING COUNTERS

September 2  
Dixie Peterson & Charleen Dahlgren  
September 9  
Judy Hagman & Kaye Mickus  
September 16  
Marian Veasen & Sandy Kephart  
September 23  
Bruce Peterson & Ed Stukey  
September 30  
Craig Hagman & Charleen Dahlgren  
October 7  
Dixie Peterson & Sandy Kephart

### LECTORS

September 2  
Arden Virnig  
September 9  
Judy Waytashek  
September 16  
Sandy Kephart  
September 23  
Dixie Peterson  
September 30  
Patti Hook  
October 7  
Judy Lundberg

### PIANISTS

September 2 Barb Bendson  
September 9 Barb Bendson  
September 16  
September 23 Barb Bendson  
September 30  
October 7 Barb Bendson

### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

September 2  
September 9  
September 16 Hillman group  
September 23  
September 30  
October 7

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
September 5th	Butch Hasting's Birthday
September 8th	Patti Hook's Birthday
September 8th	Kim Kucera's Birthday
September 10th	Colleen Kightlinger's Birthday
September 12th	Lisa Anderson's Birthday
September 19th	Evelyn Hoeman's <b>101st</b> Birthday
September 19th	Eileen Hasting's Birthday
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 2018 Mustard Seed will be NO LATER THAN Sunday, September 23rd.  
Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!

**Un-approved Minutes for August 21, 2018 Council Meeting**

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

Members absent: none

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda was approved after the following item was discussed. Financial reports- Jennifer Crust, a CPA from the Brainerd area, agreed to look at our books for a significant discount since Bethany is a nonprofit organization. She was able to pinpoint some problem spots. The council approved to give J.Crust access to our computer remotely if necessary.

Old Business: A. Parsonage shingles- The shingles on the parsonage need to be replaced. The council tabled this item until next spring. The parsonage now has an extra sump pump.

New Business: A. Meeting with Zion Lutheran Church- The council plans on meeting with Zion Lutheran Church in Milaca at 6:00 pm on August 22, 2018. B. AA Meeting at Bethany- Freedom Center from Princeton would like to have AA meetings at Bethany. The council tabled this item until we have more details. C. Request for more tables-The council approved that 5 round tables be purchased with memorial funds. D. Hearing Loops- A consultant visited Bethany and gave a free estimate for purchasing hearing loops. This item was tabled until the September council meeting. E. Cross lights- The lights surrounding the cross on the outside of the church are not working. The council plans on checking into the cross lights.

Project Updates: A. God's Work Our Hands- Patti shared Faith Lutheran Church's plan for God's Work Our Hands Day on Sunday, September 9. The focus is going to be on caregivers. The program is at Faith Lutheran in Isle from noon to 2:00 on September 9. The council encourages anyone who is interested to attend. B. Stewardship Sunday- The council is starting to make plans for this annual event. C. Bishop Aitken visit- The Bishop will preach at Bethany on Sunday, November 11. The council discussed having a church wide potluck after the service. There will be stewardship talks given by Bethany members on Sept. 16,23, and 30. Everyone is encouraged to attend! D. Light of the Cross visit- Discussion with Light of the Cross Church in Garrison will be Wednesday, September 19, 2018.

Next month's council meeting will be Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned,

Dixie Peterson, council secretary

Next Council meeting is scheduled for September **18th at 7 pm.**

**A Little Humor!**

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together during church services. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough.

'You're not supposed to talk out loud in church.'

'Why? Who's going to stop me?' Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, 'See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers.'

## GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.

**Prayer Shawl - Tues. Sept 11th at 4pm**

**Quilting TUESDAY, Sept. 18th 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



**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS/ BOOK BAGS!  
PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th  
for the blessing of the backpacks/ book bags.**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

**Sunday School begins on Sunday, Sept. 16th.** 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!!**

**BISHOP AITKEN WILL BE HERE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH AND WILL GIVE THE MESSAGE THAT DAY. PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US! WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

### 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!!**

### LITTLE FREE PANTRY!

BETHANY'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY IS ON DISPLAY IN THE NARTHEX! 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. BRING CANS OR OTHER WATER-TIGHT CONTAINERS OF FOOD WHENEVER YOU CAN. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LITTLE FREE PANTRIES VISIT [LITTLEFREEPANTRY.ORG](http://LITTLEFREEPANTRY.ORG).

### LITTLE FREE LIBRARY!

**WE ARE ALWAYS COLLECTING BOOKS FOR OUR LITTLE FREE LIBRARY! WE ARE IN NEED OF INFANT/ TODDLER/ PRESCHOOL BOOKS AND ALSO TEEN BOOKS. WE DO NOT NEED ANY ADULT BOOKS AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU FOR DONATING!**

### 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 date will be October 1st**

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

## CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. Is done.

## 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. 16th. Children will be dismissed after the gospel reading.**  
ANY AND ALL AGES WELCOME!!!



# SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30am Holy Communion	3	4 10:30am Ruby's Pantry	5	6	7	8 8:30am - Men's Breakfast at UMC
9 9:30am Holy Communion	10	11 9-11:30am - Senior Companions	12	13	14	15
16 9:30am Holy Communion	17	18 9-3pm - Quilting	19	20	21	22
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Sunday School following the gospel		7pm - Council Meeting				
23 9:30am Holy Communion	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sunday School following the gospel						
30 9:30am Holy Communion	1 10:30am Ruby's Pantry	2	3	4	5	6

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**Council Members:**

**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, SEPTEMBER 2**

9am - Holy Communion

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

9:30am - Holy Communion

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7**

9:30am - Holy Communion

(Sunday School following the Gospel Reading)



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