

Bethany Lutheran Church-February 2023

Worship on Sunday's at 9:00AM

525 South Sixth Street

Lake City, MN 55041

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Acolytes:

Readers:

Feb 5th Simon Brand

Feb 5th Sue Blumberg

Feb 12th Alana Schmitz

Feb 12th Robert Roschen

Feb 19th Adam Bolduan

Feb 19th Tess Holmstadt

Feb 22nd Alana Schmitz (7pm Ash Wed)

Feb 26th TBD

Feb 26th Neveah Anderson

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>February 2023 Our Website: www.bethanylutheranlakecity.com</p>						
<p>Secretary: Michelle Roberson Office #: 651-345-2424 Cell: 507-259-3919 Email: bethanylc4@hotmail.com</p>			<p>1 6:00pm Confirmation</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Bethany Lutheran Church 525 S 6th St. Lake City MN 55041</p>	<p>Pastor Steve Frentz Cell 630-846-1909 Home 651-448-8561 PastorFrentz@hotmail.com</p>
<p>5 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion Sunday school</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 9:00am Worship Sunday school</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 6:00pm Confirmation</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion Sunday school Youth group at St. Peter following their worship approx. 11:30am</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Ash Wednesday Confirmation–Time to be determined 7:00pm Worship with Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes at Bethany</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9:00am Worship Sunday school</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>Midweek at St. Peter 7:00pm 3/01/23 7:00pm 3/15/23 7:00pm 3/29/23</p>	<p>Midweek at Bethany 7:00pm 3/08/23 7:00pm 3/22/23</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday 7:00pm 4/06/23 at St. Peter Good Friday 7:00pm 4/07/23 at Bethany</p>	<p>Easter Sunday 4/09/23 7am at Bethany 10:30am at St. Peter</p>

Join us for our **Amazing Grace Lenten Series**
based on the beloved song that celebrates its 250th anniversary this year.

In our **Ash Wednesday (Bethany)** service, which will include the Imposition of Ashes, we will focus on the amazing grace of God, King David experienced when he confessed his sins and was forgiven. We experience that same amazing grace of God in confession and forgiveness this Lent as we look toward the cross of Christ that made our freedom from sin possible.

In **Week 1 (Saint Peter's)** we will see God's amazing grace at work in the life of the prophet Isaiah, who proclaimed to God's people the salvation that was to come through the Suffering Servant. Our call in Lent is to speak that same message of salvation found in the suffering and death of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve.

In **Week 2 (Bethany)** we hear Jesus tell of the great love of a father who lavished amazing grace upon the Prodigal Son, a picture of our Heavenly Father's lavish compassion toward us through his Son Jesus. We were lost but now are found

In **Week 3 (Saint Peter's)** we witness Jesus bringing sight to a man born blind, giving the man the added spiritual vision to see the amazing grace of God found in Jesus, who heals us all. We were blind but now we see.

In **Week 4 (Bethany)** we listen to Jesus teach a woman at the well of his amazing grace poured out for us abundantly, which satisfies our thirsting souls for all eternity. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

In **Week 5 (Saint Peter's)** we marvel at the story of amazing grace in the life of Paul, who turned from persecutor of Christ to proclaimer of our Lord through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit. In the same way, cross of Christ changes us all from enemy to friend.

In our **Maundy Thursday (Saint Peter's)** service we see that John experienced amazing grace in the Lord's Supper, humbly receiving the body and blood of Jesus in the bread and wine. We experience this amazing grace, too, each time we partake in Holy Communion.

Join us for a special service for **Good Friday (Bethany)**. In this service we recognize that the penitent thief crucified with Jesus received amazing grace when Jesus promised him that he would be with the Lord in paradise that very day. That promise of paradise extends to us today through the cross.

Join us for **Easter Sunday (Bethany and Saint Peter's)**. In this service we come to understand that Mary Magdalene witnessed amazing grace outside the empty tomb when she encountered Jesus risen from the dead. We await the free gift of new life to come because of his resurrection for us.

FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Genesis 27:1-40 Psalm 34 Matthew 17:1-21			Genesis 24:32-67 Psalm 30 Matthew 15:1-20	Genesis 25:1-18 Psalm 31 Matthew 15:21-39	Genesis 25:19-26:11 Psalm 32 Matthew 16:1-20	Genesis 26:12-35 Psalm 33 Matthew 16:21-28
Genesis 27:1-40 Psalm 34 Matthew 17:1-21	Genesis 27:41-28:9 Psalm 35 Matthew 17:22-18:6	Genesis 28:10-29:14 Psalm 36 Matthew 18:7-20	Genesis 29:14-35 Psalm 37 Matthew 18:21-35	Genesis 30:1-24 Psalm 38 Matthew 19:1-15	Genesis 30:25-43 Psalm 39 Matthew 19:16-30	Genesis 31:1-23 Psalm 40 Matthew 20:1-16
Genesis 31:24-55 Psalm 41 Matthew 20:17-34	Genesis 32 Psalm 42 Matthew 21:1-17	Genesis 33 Psalm 43 Matthew 21:18-27	Genesis 34 Psalm 44 Matthew 21:28-44	Genesis 35:1-15 Psalm 45 Matthew 21:45-22:14	Genesis 35:16-36:9 Psalm 46 Matthew 22:15-33	Genesis 36:10-43 Psalm 47 Matthew 22:34-46
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TRANSFIGURATION Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 50 2 Cor 3:12-4:6 Mark 9:2-9	Genesis 37:1-11 Psalm 48 Matthew 23:1-22	Genesis 37:12-36 Psalm 49 Matthew 23:23-36	Ash Wednesday Joel 2:12-19 Psalm 51 2 Cor 5:20-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6	Genesis 38:1-12 Psalm 50 Matthew 23:37-24:2	Genesis 38:13-30 Psalm 51 Matthew 24:3-14	Genesis 39 Psalm 52 Matthew 24:15-35
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Genesis 40 Psalm 53 Matthew 24:36-25:13	Genesis 41:1-40 Psalm 54 Matthew 25:14-30	Genesis 41:41-57 Psalm 55 Matthew 25:31-46				
26	27	28				

2022 Offering Statements for Bethany are now available. Please contact Donna Roschen, our Financial Secretary, or Michelle Roberson, our Church Secretary, so they can be printed out. Once printed you can make arrangements to pick them up at church, have them mailed to you or emailed to you.

**Church office 651-345-2424
Bethanylc4@hotmail.com**

Children's Sunday School



We currently have a Sunday school class of 5th and 6th grade students. Class is held Sunday mornings after the gospel lesson until 10:15am. The 7th and 8th graders are in Confirmation class which meets Wednesday night at 6:00pm in the Bethany fellowship hall. If you are interesting in having your child attend Sunday school or Confirmation classes please contact Pastor Frentz, Kay Hanson (Board of Ed Chair) or Michelle Roberson (Bethany Secretary).

If you want a visit from Pastor or have a change of address or phone number please call the church office at 651-345-2424 or Michelle at (Cell) 507-259-3919

Pastor
(Home) 651-448-8567 or (Cell) 630-846-1909
or an Elder.

Greg Holmstadt 763-226-6579

Fred Day 651-345-6346

Chuck Holmstadt 651-448-1189

Roger Edwards 651-345-4708

We are in need a couple of 5-gallon water coolers for events, such as the Thanksgiving Dinner and the Hog Roast. If you have any at home you're not using, we would love to have them. Thank you.

February Anniversaries!

**George & Marion Barker 4th
Guy & Karen Turnbell 24th**

February Birthdays!

**Gene Schumann 1
Rose Parrish 4
Anna Mae Lange 6
Jared Wolff 8
Marlene Schuchard 9
Paula Schmitz 12
Andrea Scolley 13
Avery Ohlhaber 16
Jana Brand 17
Ruth Meyer 23
Elizabeth Lee 25
Ryan Heise 26
Gloria Mundstock 27
Bob Schmidt 28**

On Sunday January 15th. The joint Bethany/St. Peter youth group met after worship at St. Peter. They had lunch and a Bible study and then proceeded to Betcher Farm to go sledding. Along with the sledding we had a fire and hot chocolate and s'mores were served. We had a gorgeous sunny day with temps in the upper 30's to low 40's. Please contact Jackie Paradis or Michelle Roberson if you are interested in participating in youth group. We meet once a month on the 3rd Sunday of the month at St. Peter after Sunday worship.



Join Youth Group Today



Bethany Lutheran Church Council

November 9th, 2022

Pastor opened with prayer

10 people attending

The Secretary's report was approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

The Financial Secretary's report was approved.

The Trustees report told of a new cleaning service out of Wabasha starting next week. (Donna Z Cleaning) There was discussion about the new microphones and setting up the new system for the power point. A lift will be rented to reach the necessary equipment.

The Elder's had nothing new to report.

The Education report told of different activities they are doing to get kids looking up verses in the Bible. It is difficult to do the other lessons due to age differences and low numbers. It was decided the two oldest girls would be moved up to the confirmation in person class in January.

The Discipleship report told of the mission money sent. \$135 was sent to Mission Central, \$717 was sent to General Missions, and \$500 was sent to the adopt a student program. The money from the two fundraisers was split with \$1700 going to the synod toward Hurricane Relief in Florida, \$1000 to Lake City Packing for the Weekend through United Way, \$300 to the Community Thanksgiving dinner, and \$300 to the new Monument found for the cemetery.

The Cemetery report told of a fund set up to place a cross monument in the center of the crematory section. \$1000 was donated in memory of Wayne Keeran by his wife Anita to start the fund. There was talk of moving the storage shed closer to Cross street but will be looked into in the spring.

The Pastor's report told of a visit from a couple of missionaries staying in the area. The husband is from Turkey and they feel called to let people in the United States to repent and turn to the Lord. They did not ask for money but would be willing to speak here. They will check back with Pastor in January. Confirmation will be in person starting in January. Pastor had his 30th funeral since coming here on Monday for Jeanette Stegemeyer.

The Chairman's report brought up our 75th anniversary. The first Sunday in November 2023 was picked to be the date of a celebration. Brent Parrish was suggested as a speaker. It would be a Sunday afternoon program with a meal to follow. It should be catered to make things easier. Sue Blumberg will find a committee to begin working on the plans.

There was no old business and the new business was the anniversary celebration.

The meeting was adjourned and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sue Blumberg
Acting Secretary

Trustee's report for December 2022/January 2023 Council meeting.

This was a busy year for the Trustees with much needed maintenance completed and some upgrades. Below is a summary of the larger items done this year:

Rentals – Prairie street rental had windows repaired, carpet replaced, holes in sheetrock repaired and some plumbing issues resolved. Overall the house is in good working condition, but probably needs future window replacement, electrical outlets and switches added and some landscaping. The South 6th street rental had some water in the basement and was resolved by repairing downspouts. The large picture window was also repaired and painted. This window will need replacement in the next couple of years.

Church – The entire outside of the Church was caulked and painted. This includes caulking of some hairline cracks in the bricks. The roof leaked over the Fellowship room and that was repaired. We attempted to fix the sloping back cement stairs by mud jacking them, but this was unsuccessful. Instead, we caulked up all the cracks and will monitor for additional sloping. When the steps start sloping worse, we will need to look at replacing the steps or building wood steps over the top. Some ceiling fans were replaced. The boiler is in good working condition but needs to be checked yearly. At the beginning of the heating season the boiler wasn't working due to a seized pump and a defective pump. The final repair was to replace a pump and fuse. They were able to free up the seized pump and if we keep it oiled with the yearly check it should last for several more years. We have at least two radiators not working but it is for small specific areas, and we chose to not fix them at this time. We also added several smoke detectors and two additional CO2 detectors throughout the Church. The following audio/visual equipment was replaced: projector, wireless mic system and the laptop. We went through an insurance review for underwriting. After numerous issues with the cleaning service, we started with a new company on 11/14/22. A Trustee Handbook was created to assist current and future Trustees with the working of the Church. An on-line version will be available through the Church secretary and a hardcopy will be kept in the sound system cabinet in the lobby. Some items for 2023 are at least one new camera for the recording of services. We currently have 3 working in unison to have coverage of the whole Church. Wax the Fellowship floor and paint the basement stairs hallway. We will also get a bid on the lobby carpet to see if it can be repaired to remove the sagging in areas or if we are looking at a full replacement.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF	December	Year-to-Date	2022 Budget
ELDERS			
Pastor's Salary/Housing 65%	\$4,062.50	\$48,750.00	\$48,750.00
Pastor's Mileage 100% 50/50	\$0.00	\$1,498.01	\$6,000.00
Pastor's Benefits 100% 50/50	\$2,669.92	\$30,631.15	\$30,500.00
Organist's Salary (\$ 55 Sunday)	\$275.00	\$2,750.00	\$3,670.00
Conference & Workshop	\$0.00	\$726.06	\$1,200.00
Guest Pastor (\$ 150)	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$900.00
Worship Supplies/Music/Postage	\$241.27	\$3,364.43	\$3,123.25
Secretary Annual Salary	\$1,265.00	\$15,180.00	\$15,180.00
Social Security/Medicare	\$117.81	\$1,359.02	\$1,200.00
Accounting Services	<u>\$21.48</u>	<u>\$595.93</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$8,652.98	\$105,304.60	\$110,400.00
DISCIPLESHIP			
Operating Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Central Mission	\$60.00	\$1,505.00	\$5,000.00
General Mission	\$1,632.00	\$6,057.00	\$5,000.00
Adopt a Student	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Scholarship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Local Missions	<u>\$60.00</u>	<u>\$5,098.37</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,752.00	\$13,160.37	\$11,500.00
EDUCATION			
Children's Education	\$33.94	\$577.20	\$2,000.00
Adult Education	\$0.00	\$86.12	\$500.00
Missions	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$33.94	\$2,163.32	\$2,500.00
TRUSTEES			
Utilities	\$274.50	\$10,128.57	\$11,000.00
Church Supplies/Maintenance	\$401.87	\$5,889.12	\$4,000.00
Cleaning Service	\$1,414.00	\$9,960.80	\$9,000.00
Office Equipment/Maintenance	\$231.96	\$6,728.15	\$3,500.00
Insurance/Work-Comp	\$742.08	\$8,652.32	\$8,500.00
Capital Improvements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Rental Property Tax & Maintenance	<u>\$125.45</u>	<u>\$12,024.14</u>	<u>\$9,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,189.86	\$53,383.10	\$57,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,064.80	\$4,015.77	\$2,000.00
CEMETERY	\$175.00	\$728.63	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$14,868.58	\$178,755.79	\$183,400.00
BALANCE ON HAND	\$18,729.07		

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

MONTH OF DECEMBER 2022

Category	Beginning Balance	IN	OUT	Ending Balance
Plate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Current	\$ -	\$ 11,223.68	\$ (11,223.68)	\$ -
Capital Improvement	\$ 27,703.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,703.84
Cemetery	\$ 15,577.87	\$ 200.00	\$ (175.00)	\$ 15,602.87
Altar Guild	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Easter Breakfast	\$ 464.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 464.35
Fellowship	\$ 3,114.15	\$ 202.00	\$ (248.16)	\$ 3,067.99
Garage Sale	\$ 568.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 568.97
Hog Roast	\$ 1,034.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,034.20
House Rent	\$ 57,667.30	\$ 1,505.00	\$ (125.45)	\$ 59,046.85
Interest	\$ 811.79	\$ 76.71	\$ -	\$ 888.50
Memorial	\$ 5,246.50	\$ 50.00	\$ (171.80)	\$ 5,124.70
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,688.00	\$ 210.00	\$ (60.00)	\$ 1,838.00
Mission Central	\$ 135.00	\$ 60.00	\$ (195.00)	\$ -
Missions	\$ 846.37	\$ 430.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 276.37
Sunday School	\$ 5,903.69	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 5,978.69
Thanksgiving	\$ 2,611.58	\$ -	\$ (750.51)	\$ 1,861.07
Thrivent	\$ 8,281.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,281.64
2022 Convention	\$ 499.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 499.00
Endowment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CD's	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (40,000.00)	\$ (40,000.00)
TOTAL	\$ 132,154.25	\$ 14,032.39	\$ (53,949.60)	\$ 92,237.04

Memorial Fund Breakdown	
Sound System	\$ 5,246.50
Added this month	\$ 50.00
Paid out this month	\$ (171.80)
Total	\$ 5,124.70

Endowment Acct. Balance #1937	
Beginning Balance	\$ 5,032.55
Added This Month	\$ -
Interest Added	\$ -
Ending Balance	\$ 5,032.55

St. Peter's Contribution	
Mileage	\$ -
Newsletter	\$ -
Concordia Plan	\$ 1,270.96
Total	\$ 1,270.96

NOTES
\$901 in Capital Improvement designated toward carpet.
\$200 in Capital Improvement designated toward kitchen remodeling
St. Peter's paid newsletter thru Dec.

St. Peter's News

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
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February 2023

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February Worship Assistants

Altar Care: LeAnn Bollum & Pat Stemann
Elder: Jim Hansen

Remember in Prayer...

Please keep in your prayers:



Barb & Delmar Hinck,
Ashley Sexton, Elnor Bollum,
Meryl & Lois Watson,
Marilyn Diercks, Aubrey Schafer,
and John Diercks



Those Recently Baptized:

Scott Brandon Hokanson, the son
of Eric & Madison Hokanson

Annual Congregational Meeting

Thank you to the 27 members who attended our annual meeting on January 15th. Annual reports and the meeting minutes are available at the back of church for you to take.

2023 newly elected church officers are:

Elder: Arlan Betcher

Trustee: Roger Benrud

Finance 2nd Term: Duane Kohrs

Finance: Grant Bollum

Dual Parish: Dave Betcher

Congregational Treasurer: Tony Betcher

Thank you to our outgoing church officers for your time and service! Brock Marklevits, Becca Bollum, Paul Burfeind, Milt Kehren, Duane Kohrs, Tony Betcher, and Harold Hinck.



Worship Schedule

9:30AM Sunday School

10:30AM Sunday Worship

Ash Wednesday & Lent Worship Schedule

Feb. 22nd: 7PM at Bethany Church

March 1st: 7PM at St. Peter's Church



"SOUP"er Sunday

Feb 12th is "SOUP"er Sunday, have a bowl of soup before settling in to watch the Super Bowl game. We're looking for 10 crock-pots of soup, sign-up sheet is in back of church. Salad, crackers, bars and beverage will be provided.

Chili Supper



Wednesday, March 1st at 6PM prior to Lent worship, the Mary Martha group will serve the Lenten meal of chili, salad, and cinnamon rolls with a free-will offering designated to the food shelf.

Council Meeting

Council will meet on Monday, February 6th at 7PM. Let a council member know if you have a topic for discussion. Jonathan Huneke, Kevin Paradis, Jim Hansen, Marty Kehren, Arlan Betcher, Tony Betcher, and Roger Benrud.

Youth Information

Acolyte Schedule

February 5: Chris Hansen
February 12: Madeline Kehren
February 19: Chris Hansen
February 26: Aaron Betcher

Sunday School 2022-2023

Sunday School is open to all children at any time every Sunday, 9:30-10:20am for ages 4yr old preschool through 8th grade.

Reminder to the 3rd-8th graders to study their assigned memory work for each Sunday.

Youth Group 6-12th Grades

Our youth group meets one Sunday a month for a Bible study, snacks, and games. We also have fun events through out the year. On February 19th we'll meet at St. Peter's after worship for lunch, Bible Study, and a Wii tournament.

VBS 2022 - Save the Date!

July 17-21, 2023 St. Peter's will again be hosting VBS with Camp Omega staff running the weekly program.

Tree Committee

A special thank you to all those who helped cut down and remove trees from the church yard! If you would like to be a part of the planning committee for new trees contact Marty Kehren.



St. Peter's 150 Years! - Save the Date!

St. Peter's will be 150 years young in 2023!

SAVE THE DATE: September 24, 2023

Giving

Missions

St. Peter's has set their 2023 goal of raising \$10,000 to send to various missions throughout the year. If you wish to donate write "missions" on your donation.



ONLINE *giving*

We offer the option to give recurring gifts online through First Farmers & Merchants Bank. Contact our church treasurer, Tony Betcher to set this up.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent Financial member and would like your Thrivent Choice Dollars to be directed to St. Peter's church you have until March 31, 2023 to do so. Log in online at Thrivent.com or contact your Thrivent representative to direct your Choice Dollars to St. Peter's Church.

Anniversaries in February

Feb. 3: Roger & Michelle Benrud
Feb. 13: Ray & PeriAnn Williams
Feb. 22: Marty & Barb Kehren

Birthdays in February

Feb. 2: Eugene Betcher
Christy Stemmann
Feb. 3: Kendra Brinkman
Shannon Dale
Feb. 4: Tanisha Wise
Feb. 6: Karl Meyer
Feb. 11: Diane Berktold
Feb. 12: Scott Kohrs
Feb. 15: Beverly Koll
Feb. 22: Dave Betcher
Feb. 25: Hadley Geyer
Feb. 27: Sara Bonde
Noah Kehren