

BETHANY NEWS



14th Annual Bethany Block Party
Saturday August 26, 2023 4:30pm – 7:00pm
In Bethany Lutheran Church Parking Lot
525 S. 6th St. Lake City
(in Fellowship Hall if there is rain)

PORK SANDWICHES, ICE CREAM, AND MORE!

Music by: Jim Sexton/Craig Morton Duo

Food, Door Prizes, Fun for All and Free Will Offering

The public is invited. Bring your friends and neighbors!

Handicapped parking available!

Block Party Door Prize Baskets

*If you would like to make a theme basket for the block party,
please contact Tess Holmstadt or Char Gnotke.*

*There is a sign-up sheet on the fellowship hall doors for helpers for
the Block Party. We are having cookies this year. So we need
cookie bakers and volunteers to serve, set-up and clean-up
for our annual Block party.*

LAKE CITY AREA FOOD SHELF

July 20, 2023

Bethany Lutheran Church
525 South 6th Street
Lake City, MN 55041

Dear Pastor and Congregation:

I am the newly elected secretary for our Lake City Area Food Shelf. I am contacting you as I have been asked to write letters to all of our local churches on behalf of the food shelf. We are extremely fortunate here as we are able to give generously to people who need our services. Our shelves, in the past, have been filled, and sometimes, even overflowing. The Covid pandemic changed that.

We order a lot of our food from an organization called Channel One. We used to have a list of ten pages to choose from - now we are down to about three. Channel One is also facing challenges and one of their problems is they cannot get the food either. The trickle down from this is very noticeable. Our food shelf has had to purchase our staples from local businesses. These include items such as eggs, butter, flour, sugar, bread, soups, beans, toilet paper and diapers. We are so fortunate that these local businesses not only donate what they can, they also give us a price break on many things we need to buy.

All that being said, we are wondering if you and your congregation would be willing to donate a few of the necessities to us. We are in need of the following:

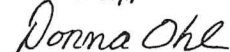
Flour, Sugar, and Cooking Oil
Coffee - 1-pound and 2-pound sizes
Tea - green or black
Pasta - 1 pound of elbow, rotini, penne, egg noodles, etc.
Pasta Sauce - 15 - 20 ounces of canned
Dish Soap - 24-ounce size (or similar)
Men's and Women's Deodorant
Cream of Mushroom, Cream of Chicken and Chicken Noodle soup
Chili beans, baked beans, dry beans
Canned Corn
Diapers (size 0 to 5)
Toilet Paper

Please know that we appreciate all you have done for us in the past. These are truly difficult times for all. This is not to put a strain on anyone else - we ask only that people give if they can. Items can be dropped off at the food shelf any Tuesday (1:00 - 3:00), Thursday (9:00 - 11:00) or the 2nd or 4th Saturday of the month (9:00 - 11:00 AM). Our address is 600 South 8th Street. If you would prefer, someone could always come to pick up any items you are able to collect.

If anyone has any questions regarding this letter, please call me (Donna Ohl 507-475-4151) or the Food Shelf at 651-345-5888.

Thanking you in advance for any further assistance you can lend and thanking you for all your previous help and support.

Sincerely,



Donna Ohl, Secretary
Lake City Food Shelf

August 2023

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Worship

9am on Sunday

Watch on local channel 13/18

- Sunday at 9am (LIVE)
- Monday at 8pm
- Tuesday at 11am

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Please watch the
bulletins for changes.



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Bethany Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod

Happy Birthday in August!

Dustin Moyer 2nd
Elwood Gnotke 3rd
Lois Kruempel 4th
Pat Blum 5th
Lucas Hough 6th
Rebecca Houghton 6th
Geri Luhman 7th
Becky Franz 9th
Dorothy Gluesen 10th
Roger Edwards 15th
Chad Roberson 16th
Ean Burrows 20th
Shane Yennie 21st
Michelle Roberson 22nd
Krystal Bartsh 28th
Caleb Roberson 31st

Happy Anniversary in August!

Lloyd & Linda Hyberger 3rd
Kevin & Nancy Nolan 3rd
Fred & Karen Day 11th
Scott & Karen Fiege 11th
Terry & Paula Schmitz 12th
Henry & Jan Dison 27th
Tony & Amy Heise 31st
Jeff & Robyn Wettern 31st

Our Annual rummage sale will be on
Friday September 29th and Saturday September 30th

SAVE THE DATE

Bethany Lutheran Church will be celebrating 75 years of ministry this fall. Please join us on Sunday November 5th at 3PM for a special service with the Reverend Dr. Brent Parrish preaching. There will be refreshments and a time to share memories after the service. We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Bethany Church Council/Voters Meeting-April 19, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Stehr

Attendance- 17

Secretary's Report- Approved as written

Treasurer's Report- A few of our bills are now paid through automatic payments instead of written paper checks. The rest of the report was approved as written.

Financial Secretary's Report- Approved as written

Trustee's Report-

The roof in the fellowship hall is leaking. It will be inspected by two different companies soon.

Elder's Report- No Report submitted.

Education Report- Kay reported Sunday School ended in March due to low attendance. The education board along with the entire council encourages our members to invite families with children to our church and Sunday school classes. Vacation Bible School will be held at St Peters this year.

Discipleship Board- Our 75th Anniversary Celebration will be November 5, 2023. Delila's restaurant will be catering this event. Volunteers are needed to make this celebration a success. Please contact Sue Blumberg.

Cemetery board- The shed at the cemetery will be moved forward as soon as the ground is suitable for this task. Also the Thrivent memorial fund has monies for Bethany to purchase a cross for the cemetery. However, the plans for the purchase of a cross are yet to be determined. Please see Sue B with comments or questions.

Pastor's Report- No Report. Pastor was not present.

Chairman's Report- None submitted

Old/New Business- The new video equipment will be coming in May, 2023. This current meeting was also a voters meeting so election of officers was made. Please see attached.

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Please note all members of the church are welcomed to attend a council meeting. Your voice matters and we appreciate any input you may have. Meetings are usually held the 2nd Wednesday of each Month.

Next Council Meeting-May 10, 2023 7:00 in the fellowship hall

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Tackmann
Church Council Secretary

Bethany Church Council May 10th 2023

Meeting called to order by President Stehr

10 people attending

Pastor opened with prayer and did his portion first to leave for a program at the High School for Matthew. He will be gone June 11th and the week to follow to take Matthew to a visit at the Naval academy. He is looking for a visiting Pastor to take his place. There will be a meeting in early June for the elders of both churches with Pastor to review the confirmation program and make it more meaningful for the kids.

Gerhardt Kohrs came to present an idea he would like to donate to the cemetery. He had plans to put up a memorial to the unborn at the front of the cemetery. The council approved it.

The Secretary's report was approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

The Financial Secretary's report was approved.

The trustees are still trying to contact the right people to get a bid on the roof. One company was planning on it but found out they are not licensed to do the job. An electrician will redo the outlets under the kitchen counter on separate breakers for better use during big events. \$1,400 was spent on the rental on Prairie Street for wiring the bedrooms with outlets in the upstairs. The basement windows will be resealed and some landscaping will be done to keep water from seeping in.

The Discipleship committee will send out notices to former pastors to save the date for our Anniversary November 5th. \$500 was sent to adopt a student now as there were matching funds available. \$110 was sent to Mission Central and a little over \$600 went to general missions.\

The Cemetery was mowed and a meeting with Glander excavating will be set up to discuss putting in a gravel road. A meeting will be set up with the people who built the shed to move it to the back of the cemetery property.

There was no new or old business that had not been discussed and President Stehr adjourned the meeting. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sue Blumberg
acting secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF	June	Year-to-Date	2023 Budget
ELDERS			
Pastor's Salary/Housing 65%	\$4,062.50	\$24,375.00	\$48,750.00
Pastor's Mileage 100% 50/50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Pastor's Benefits 100% 50/50	\$2,669.92	\$13,349.60	\$30,957.50
Organist's Salary (\$ 55 Sunday)	\$550.00	\$1,375.00	\$3,670.00
Conference & Workshop	\$0.00	\$1,012.00	\$1,200.00
Guest Pastor (\$ 150)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$900.00
Worship Supplies/Music/Postage	\$295.50	\$1,892.97	\$2,500.00
Secretary Annual Salary	\$1,302.96	\$7,817.76	\$15,635.52
Social Security/Medicare	\$112.30	\$711.66	\$1,380.00
Accounting Services	<u>\$75.00</u>	<u>\$826.59</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,218.18	\$51,510.58	\$111,793.02
DISCIPLESHIP			
Operating Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Central Mission	\$85.00	\$795.00	\$5,000.00
General Mission	\$1,463.11	\$4,024.48	\$5,000.00
Adopt a Student	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Scholarship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Local Missions	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>\$135.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,578.11	\$5,454.48	\$11,500.00
EDUCATION			
Children's Education	\$155.88	\$346.28	\$2,000.00
Adult Education	\$0.00	\$102.57	\$500.00
Missions	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$115.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$155.88	\$563.85	\$2,500.00
TRUSTEES			
Utilities	\$540.03	\$7,335.11	\$15,000.00
Church Supplies/Maintenance	\$254.00	\$3,502.19	\$4,500.00
Cleaning Service	\$850.00	\$4,250.00	\$9,000.00
Office Equipment/Maintenance	\$249.08	\$1,727.47	\$5,000.00
Insurance/Work-Comp	\$972.08	\$4,912.52	\$8,500.00
Capital Improvements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Rental Property Tax & Maintenance	<u>\$672.28</u>	<u>\$3,863.46</u>	<u>\$11,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,537.47	\$25,590.75	\$63,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$112.50	\$661.75	\$2,500.00
CEMETERY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	<u>\$14,602.14</u>	<u>\$83,781.41</u>	<u>\$191,293.02</u>
BALANCE ON HAND	\$8,516.91		

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

MONTH OF JUNE 2023

Category	Beginning Balance	IN	OUT	Ending Balance
St. Peter's checks	\$ -	\$ 1,334.96	\$ (1,334.96)	\$ -
Current	\$ -	\$ 8,920.00	\$ (8,920.00)	\$ -
Capital Improvement	\$ 28,403.84	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ 28,628.84
Cemetery	\$ 18,002.87	\$ 520.00	\$ (975.00)	\$ 17,547.87
Altar Guild	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Easter Breakfast	\$ 464.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 464.35
Fellowship	\$ 3,604.86	\$ 102.00	\$ -	\$ 3,706.86
Garage Sale	\$ 568.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 568.97
Hog Roast	\$ 1,034.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,034.20
House Rent	\$ 65,384.37	\$ 900.00	\$ (672.28)	\$ 65,612.09
Interest	\$ 3,658.26	\$ 112.46	\$ -	\$ 3,770.72
Memorial	\$ 5,374.70	\$ 1,490.00	\$ (785.00)	\$ 6,079.70
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,009.00	\$ 193.45	\$ -	\$ 1,202.45
Mission Central	\$ -	\$ 85.00	\$ -	\$ 85.00
Missions	\$ (41.89)	\$ 555.00	\$ -	\$ 513.11
Sunday School	\$ 6,026.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,026.69
Thanksgiving	\$ 1,861.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,861.07
Thrivent	\$ 9,651.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,651.69
2022 Convention	\$ 499.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 499.00
Endowment	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00
CD's	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (42,476.82)	\$ (42,476.82)
TOTAL	\$ 145,551.98	\$ 14,457.87	\$ (55,164.06)	\$ 104,845.79

Memorial Fund Breakdown	
Sound System	\$ 5,374.70
Undesignated	\$ 705.00
Youth	\$ -
Total	\$ 6,079.70

Endowment Acct. Balance #1937	
Beginning Balance	\$ 5,197.10
Added This Month	\$ 805.00
Interest Added	\$ 5.11
Ending Balance	\$ 6,007.21

St. Peter's Contribution	
Mileage	\$ -
Newsletter	\$ -
Concordia Plan	\$ 1,334.96
Total	\$ 1,334.96

NOTES
\$901 in Capital Improvement designated toward carpet.
\$300 in Capital Improvement designated toward kitchen remodeling
St. Peters pd newsletter thru June

St. Peter's News

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August Worship Assistants

Altar Care: Ellen Schafer & Pat Stemmann

Elder: Jim Hansen



Worship Schedule

10:30AM Sunday Worship (year round)



St. Peter's 150 Year Celebration!

Our 150th celebration will be September 24 with a 2PM worship service and catered meal to follow. *No morning service

Our 150th anniversary planning is well under way! This includes paying for food/celebratory items. If you wish to donate toward our anniversary celebration please put "anniversary donation" in your check memo line.

If you are a Thrivent Financial member then you are eligible to apply for two grants per year. Each grant is worth \$250. You will need to fill out the Thrivent Action Team Grant form online at Thrivent.com for each grant you are requesting. This money does not have to be paid back. If you need help filling out the grant application please contact Diane Holmstadt at 763-614-7982 and she can assist you in doing so. If you would be willing to use one or more of your Action Team Grants towards St. Peter's 150th celebration we could use this money towards: food, paper products, invitations, advertising, rentals (tent, table & chairs, speaker system), publishing of anniversary cookbooks, and making of shirts.



Remember in Prayer...

Please keep in your prayers:



Barb Hinck, Marilyn Diercks, Ashley Sexton,
Meryl & Lois Watson, Elnor Bollum, John
Diercks, and Wes Paradis.

Council Meeting

Council will meet on Monday, August 7th 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.

Anniversary Cookbooks

The cookbooks have arrived & will be available for purchase after worship on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month. Cost is \$20 and pre-orders can also be picked up on those Sundays. Questions: Contact Pat Stemmann or Heidi Roberson.

Wedding Congratulations!

We congratulate Marissa Kelly and Trent Stemmann as they were united in marriage on July 22nd.



Anniversaries in August

August 16: Delmar & Barb Hinck

August 20: Gary & Lynne Watson

August 25: Arlan & Brenda Betcher

August 25: Cory & Jolene Stemmann

August 31: Trisha & Jesse Hadler

Birthdays in August

Aug. 2: Kim Gilsdorf

Aug. 3: Brandon Juers

Aug. 4: Cheryl Ross

Aug. 6: Brittyn Hinck

Bruce Stam

Andy Stemmann

Julie Watson

Aug. 9: Clara Benrud

Aug. 10: Denise Bargsten

Cory Stemmann

Aug. 13: Mark Bollum

Garrett Huneke

Aug. 15: Adalida Holst

Caroline Mollenhauer

Aug. 17: Matt Thomforde

Aug. 29: Jordyn Dicke

Aug. 30: Lynne Watson

Giving

Missions

St. Peter's has set their 2023 goal of raising \$10,000 to send to various missions throughout the year. This year to date we have raised \$4,740. 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.

Acolyte Schedule

August 6: Chris Hansen

August 13: Everett Hadler

August 20: Chris Hansen

August 27: Marti Huneke

*Watch for our new schedule to come soon for the 2023-2024 school year. This will be for our 5th-8th graders.

VBS 2023 "Set Free"


Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. -Psalm 118:5

THANK YOU!! - A big thank you to everyone who supported VBS and helped the week run smoothly. We appreciate the Camp Omega counselors who led the program, the persons/groups who provided lunch, those of you who made monetary donations, and those who gave of their time to help in some way. THANK YOU! VBS had 35 attendees and 10 youth helpers. May God grow the seed that was planted during the week. To God be the Glory!

thank
you!



Bethany Lutheran Church/St. Peter Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>August 2023</h1>						
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion at Bethany Lutheran Heritage Foundation	7 1:00pm Women's Bible Study at Bethany 7:00pm St. Peter's Council meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mission Sunday 9:00am Worship at Bethany 10:30am Worship at St. Peter	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion at Bethany Pastor Dale Kohrs preaching 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion at St. Peter	21 1:00pm Women's Bible Study at Bethany	22	23	24	25	26 Block Party at Bethany 4:30-7:00pm
27 9:00am Worship at Bethany 10:30am Worship at St. Peter	28	29	30	31		BLOCK PARTY

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Acolytes: August 6th Neveah Anderson
August 13th TBD
August 20th Greta Brand
August 27th Vincent Finnigan

Readers: August 6th Tess Holmstadt
August 13th TBD
August 20th Sue Blumberg
August 27th Bob Roschen

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