

## From the Pastor

### A Culture of Generosity

As we approach our annual Stewardship Sunday, on Nov. 14, I invite you to think about your experience with generosity. Where have you experienced it. Who taught you about generosity?

My grandma's generation put great energy into feeding us. At home we got cold cereal for breakfast.

At Grandma's she would have those fun little mini-boxes of cereal as an appetizer. Then she would bring on the pancakes or bacon and eggs. At other meals, she would carefully watch our plates, and the minute we had taken the last bite of roast beef, or salad, or mashed potatoes, she would be dishing up another helping right onto our plates. Once I'd figured that out, I made sure that I left one bite of each food item on my plate until the very end, so she couldn't keep refilling.

What ways have you experienced, or learned about generosity? I have had pastors take nursing home services for me when I got in a bind, and I have been able to help out other pastors doing a nursing home or funeral service for them.

We have folks who give many hours of time and talent quilting, or gardening for the food pantry, or sending cards to cheer someone up. Folks donate funds for many causes, supporting families hit with illness, an animal shelter, a Bible camp or university.

At a Turtle Mountain women's cluster gathering I asked the participants to write down on sticky notes some ways that they had found joy in sharing generosity with others. It was fun to see such a variety of responses. Here are a few:

- Making pickled beets to give away to friends
- Helping a family with a month's rent
- Paying for a new set of tires for someone
- Secretly choosing a table at a restaurant and paying for that family's meal
- Taking care of a young mother's children while she was going to college
- Bringing a meal over to someone with health issues
- Driving someone on errands
- Inviting the neighbor boys in for caramel rolls
- Taking care of a friend's flowers or pets while they are out of town.
- Helping someone put in or take out a window air conditioner

Our generosity can be our time, or our financial resources, or a special talent or skill that we can share with someone else.

What are some of the ways that you have received or witnessed someone else's generosity, and the ways that you have found joy in being generous?

We would welcome you sharing those thoughts with us – send a text or an email, or you can post on Bethany's Facebook page too. And we'll see what the next weeks bring!  
In Christ,  
Pastor Janet



Join us for  
**Thanksgiving Eve Worship**  
**Wed, Nov 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**  
at Bethany.

We will be hosting  
**Christ Lutheran Church,**  
With the Bethany and Christ  
Lutheran Choirs joining together.  
Treats will be served  
during Fellowship time.



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF— WOW!** The Wednesday night church school kids and parents packed 200 school kits with another 37 already received completed for a total of 237! Thank you so much. 167 health kits were also completed. Great work everyone. 96 quilts were also completed. These items were sent to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse – St Paul in Oct. Thank you to all who helped this project succeed so wonderfully! You are truly God's hands! ☺ Sue Taft



***There will be no 2021 Lutefisk Dinner per Bethany Church Council decision.***



**2021 BIBLE PRESENTATION**

The BLCW presented the Kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Bibles. The following received Bibles:  
**Kindergarten Children:** Colee Currie, Signe Meinert, Dayton Kuhnhenh, Violet Stahlheim, Hannah Mackey, Merek Meine, Carter Filipek.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Kaelyn Hirzel, Larae Hirzel, Ayden Williams. CONGRATULATIONS ALL!! ☺



**Holiday Food Support**

The Ministry of Care will again assist families with holiday food. Names can be submitted to the office by Nov 10<sup>th</sup>!



**November Cause of the Month  
World Hunger**

The ELCA World Hunger program has a fine reputation for effectively using our gifts for the greatest benefit of those in need. Not only are the gifts used for direct food aid, but world hunger money also goes toward projects that help people to feed themselves.

**LYO November Schedule**

3 .....	7:15pm	Bible Study
6 .....	10:00am	Turkey Dinner Prep
	4-7pm	LYO Turkey Dinner
10 .....	7:30pm	Minot-Area LYO Hosted by Bethany @ Oak Park Theater. (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> graders in Minot/Surrey/Burlington)
17 .....	7:15 pm	Dancing with Jake
24 .....	9:30am	NO LYO Thanksgiving Eve
Each Sun is 9:30 Fellowship served by the LYO.		

The LYO are trying something new this year with our Turkey Dinner, it will be on a SATURDAY!!! Please join us for the Turkey Dinner on SATURDAY, NOV 6<sup>TH</sup> from 4-7 pm. Takeout dinners will be available. Thank you so much for the continued support for the LYO!

The LYO is looking for donations to support our upcoming Turkey Dinner on Sat., Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and not possible without you! Your support will help students to attend the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Metigoshe Ministries Summer Camp, or WND Synod Youth Gatherings. We are looking for donations of canned cranberries, boxed stuffing, canned corn, butter, milk, potatoes, apple pie, pumpkin pie, cool whip, lemonade, buns, and turkeys (cooked or uncooked). Turkeys must be thawed when they arrive at the Church. Please let the office know so turkeys can be placed in a pan and in the fridge. Cooked turkeys should be brought to the Church no later than 3 pm on Saturday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. **Have all items to the Church by Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> by 4 pm.** Any questions as to what is still needed, please contact the Church office @ 838-5196. Thank you!! The LYO. ☺

**October Offering**

03.....	\$5383	24 .....	\$3347
10 .....	\$6076	31 ???	
17 .....	\$4044		
Online Giving	\$9500		

**October Ministerial Acts:**

Funerals: Jason Storbeck, Kenneth Walker, Eunice Rostvedt.



### **Make a Joyful Noise**

The choirs are looking for more voices. There are 3 choirs and they would like to have you join. Note rehearsal times on the monthly calendar or contact Nadine @ 701-720-1046.



**The women will be selling Christmas cards  
Wed, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall.**

**Stewardship Sunday  
Nov. 14**



**Set your clocks back one hour  
November 7, 2021**

#### **Pastor Janet's Joke of the Month**

If you don't live in farm country, this is what could happen: At a popular steakhouse a customer went to find the restroom. As she was about to enter, she found a confused and anxious young woman who gave a sigh of relief as she approached. "Oh, I'm so glad you're here," she said. "I was afraid to enter. I didn't know if I was a steer or a heifer."

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An old lady lay dying. She sent a message for a tax examiner and a local politician to come to the hospital. When they arrived, they were ushered to her room. As they entered the

room, the old lady held out her hands and motioned for them to sit on each side of the bed. The dying lady grasped their hands, sighed contentedly, smiled and stared at the ceiling. For a time, no one said anything. Both the tax examiner and the politician were flattered that the old lady would ask them to be with her during her final moments, however they were also puzzled. Finally, the politician asked, "My lady, why did you ask the two of us to come here?" The old lady mustered all her strength and then whispered weakly, "Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I'd like to go."

#### **Oct 2021 Memorials:**

*In Memory of **Ione Harshberger***

**Undesignated** from Bonnie Hammeren, William & Candyce Johnson, Lavonne Schoenborn, Ronald & Valerie Smith, Sylvia Larson, Paul & Janet Graalum, Ed & Paulette Nush.

**Music** from Eunice Rostvedt, John & Betty Solwey, Carter & Denise Matson, Bryan & Nadine Holmly, Greg & Sue Johnson.


**Ministry of Care** from Becky Hill, Claire Larson, Mary Carlson, Bill & Bev Jensen, Betty Lindsey.

**Sewing/Quilting** from Charles & Sue Taft, Boyd & Phyllis Hanson.

*In Honorarium of*

**Jerry Stark & Marcia Jackson Wedding**

**The Lord's Cupboard** from Les & Shelly Randash.

**'Voices of Note'**  
presents a  
**"Fall Concert"**   
**Sunday, November 14th at 3:00pm**  
**Christ Lutheran Church**  
**(Free will offering)**

#### **Bethany Foundation Memorials:**

*In Memory of **Ione Harshberger:***

Roger & Roberta Larson, Greg Simonson, Don & Joyce Anderson, Alma Lee, Duane & Sharlene Tollefson, Mary Jordahl, Marlene Olson.

*In Honor of Pastor Appreciation Day for  
Pastor Janet and Pastor Intern David:  
Mary Jordahl.*



**BETHANY EDUCATION NEWS**

We are DEFINITELY back! We have had a great start to the church school year, and it is because of this amazing God we serve that there is a sense of normalcy on Wednesday evenings. Kat Myers, along with Dalyce Leslie, Steph, Tom, and Samantha Walter, have been serving some amazing dinners and deserts. Additionally, our education team consisting of Lisa Zietz (Pre-K), Hannah Foley and Krista Permentier (Kindergarten), Courtney & Colton Bourquin (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), Dena Dopp (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade), Angie Fox (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) are doing an amazing job with our church school kids. Additionally, our teenagers, taught by Pastor Janet (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) Bethany Egeberg (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade), Lana Thompson and myself (9<sup>th</sup> Grade), continue to guide these young minds on their journey of confirmation. The adult forum Bible study is still strong headed by Jay Jenkins, Ariel Hirzel, and Jake Thraikill. Also, Steph Walter is leading a new bible study called **“Don’t Believe Your Eyes”**, for young adults (10<sup>th</sup> Grade thru College Freshman). Thank you to everyone, from the volunteers to the parents/grandparents for making Bethany’s Education Program a success! So, if you are looking for something to do on Wednesdays, come on by and have your body and spirit fed!

Blessings, Pastor-Intern Dave

**Please note, there is no Church School the week of Thanksgiving (November 24<sup>th</sup>). Blessings in Christ! Pastor-Intern Dave**



**Bethany Birthdays!  
November:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> –Brantley Schafer, Jo Vannett,
- 4<sup>th</sup> –Damian Emly, Jean Meiers
- 5<sup>th</sup> –Judy Mathson, Krista Permentier, Monte Walker
- 6<sup>th</sup> –Christine Grunewald
- 8<sup>th</sup> –Craig Harvey, Landon Lemieux, Leif Nelson, Katie Seier, Dwight Syverson
- 9<sup>th</sup> –Jayleanne Evanoff, Victoria Gotvaslee, Jacque Nelson
- 10<sup>th</sup> –Julie Wallace
- 11<sup>th</sup> –Vicki Phippkins
- 12<sup>th</sup> –Aaron Brentrup
- 13<sup>th</sup> –Conner Dyke
- 14<sup>th</sup> –Terry Gehring
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Avery Bourquin, Donald Lee
- 16<sup>th</sup> –Shirley Harmon, Larry Schoenwald
- 17<sup>th</sup> –Dan Vannett
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Tim Reiten
- 19<sup>th</sup> –Cheryl Farstad, Logan Johnson, Archie Kress, Mary Sather
- 20<sup>th</sup> –Angelina Opperude
- 21<sup>st</sup> –Sandra Larson
- 22<sup>nd</sup> –Lincoln DeMakis, Ed Duchsherer, Dalton Rademacher, Austin Westmeyer
- 23<sup>rd</sup> –Liam Thraikill
- 24<sup>th</sup> –Barry Bourquin, Cayden Rocarek, Arlene Shipman
- 25<sup>th</sup> –Darren Fawbush, Hannah Foley, Kari Norby
- 27<sup>th</sup> –Elizabeth Hodenfield
- 28<sup>th</sup> –Norman Jacobson, Rodney Selfors, Kellen Tollefson
- 29<sup>th</sup> –Mary Fix, Vicki Johnson, John Seier, Louise Stark
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Michael Coffin, Gavin Hartleib, Asher Holtz, Roberta Larson

Also, Happy Birthday to anyone whose name is not on the list. If your name is not on the list then we don’t have it, so please call the office with it.

Thank you!



**Metigoshe Nights of Christmas  
December 27,28,29 2021  
7 pm start time each night.**

Enjoy the Christmas Season with our own Rick Watson performing on Fri, Dec 27<sup>th</sup> @ the A- Frame Chapel with Art Rude. Sat, Dec 28<sup>th</sup> will be Century III appreciation night, Medora's Musical cohost Bill Sorenson will be entertaining. To close out the weekend will be The Looney Lutherans on Sunday. The professional actresses who travel the country as wacky girls promoting health living --- The Lutheran Way!!

**Below you will find a condensed  
list of the committee's available at  
Bethany Lutheran Church:**

**TEAM DESCRIPTIONS:**

**Faith and Care:** Council Representative: Allen Hirzel. Congregational Representatives: Those that assist. Team Description: Team members volunteer to coordinate an assigned group for a month of Sunday duties such as usher, communion prep, greeter, attendance report to Secretary etc...What we do: Provide faith and care coordination and training.

**Library:** Mission Statement: Gather Christian books and media for the Bethany Lutheran Church Library. Council Representative: Lana Thompson. Congregational Representatives and Archivers: Pat Schimke and Betty Frantsvog. Team Description: Update books and other media as needed. Purge books and

other media as needed. Request funds from the Library budget to purchase updated materials. Maintain the organization and cleanliness of the library.

**Worship and Music Team:** Mission Statement: Making Christ's love known through worship and music. Congregational Rep: Judy Mathson, Alma Lee, Pastors, music staff. Team Description: Planning musical liturgical settings and elements of worship. What we do: We look over the church year and plan a variety of worship settings. We discuss what is working well and things that need to be changed. We make suggestions for needs with the sound system.

**Property Management:** Mission Statement: To propose to church council anything necessary to maintain, for appearance, and value, all real estate property owned by the church. Council Representative: John Bearman, Shanon Polsfut. Congregational Representative: Allen Walter. Sponsored Activities: None.

**Staff Support:** Mission Statement: To support congregation by providing church staff & dealing with issues related to church staff. Council Representative: Judy Anderson, Jessie Casey.

Congregational Representative: Jeff Brose, Jackie Gehring, Brian Berg, Alma Lee. What we do: Hire and monitor staff. Be available for discussion with staff as requested. Propose staff salaries and salary adjustments for church council. Provide staff with appropriated policies and guidance.

**Stewardship Team:** Mission Statement: To energize Bethany's stewardship process by seeking opportunities to present the stewardship message in all areas of parish life and manage parish gifts of time, talent, and resources. Council Rep: Allen Hirzel, Jessie Casey. Congregational Rep: Brenda Cook, Shane Morlang. What we do: Work toward the incorporation of a yearlong stewardship

program at Bethany that places equal emphasis on the gifts of time, the talents and resources that members of our congregation have to offer, and spreading awareness of how these gifts can be shared and through our church. Next steps are to continue the process by adding congregational members to our team and devising a plan that is appropriate for Bethany.

**Bethany Lutheran Church Women:** Mission Statement: Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Council Rep: Judy Anderson. Congregational Rep: Pat Walz, Val Lehner, Crystal Schlag, Shirley Frost, Susan Swenson, Betty Niemann, and Claire Larson. Team Description: The coordinating council handles the business of the BLCW with input from all circle participants through their council representatives. A yearly schedule of activities and projects are set up. BLCW is a member of the Turtle Mountain Cluster and host cluster meetings on a regular basis. What we do: There are 4 bible study groups that meet monthly. A quilting group meets twice a month. Serving lunch at funerals, making blankets for confirmation, Altar duty, financial support to people who attend the Western ND Synod Assembly. Activities: rummage and bake sale annually, meal served to confirmands and their families, Pastor Appreciation Day, Bibles to kindergarteners and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, Advent drama, coffee hours, Halloween Walk, etc.

**PARISH EDUCATION TEAM: Mission Statement:** Provides education and ministry opportunities for children, adults, and families to grow and nurture faith. **Education Director:** Pastor-Intern David Myers. **Council Rep:** Jay Jenkins. **Congregation Rep:** Pastor Janet, Ariel Hirzel, Judy Mathson, Betsy Casey, Alma Lee, and Jacob Thraillkill.

**Ministry of Care:** Mission statement: We extend an outreach of kindness and support to

our congregation and community. Council rep is Lana Thompson. Congregational reps are Alma Lee, Becky Hill, Bev Jensen, Claire Larson, Cleo Berven, Judy Mathson, Mary Duchsherer, Margo Filipkowski, Mike Filipkowski, Sue Johnson, Tessa Nesheim, Mary Carlson. **Description:** We provide assistance to charitable organizations, make & deliver treats to church neighbors and city emergency personnel, facilitate brunch at the Scandinavian service, Grief Support booklets to those in our congregation.

**Global Missions:** Council rep Deb Lee. Staff Member Janet Mathstad. Congregational reps: Prepares yearly calendar of "causes". Responsible for submitting annual benevolence budget.

**Altar Committee:** Maintenance of altar linens, paraments, and communionware. Replenishes supplies when needed. Not responsible for communion at worship. Chair: Mary Jordahl.

**Memorial Committee:** Council Rep: Brian Messmer. Congregational rep: Alma Lee, Mary Jordahl, Brian Mathson. Staff: Pastor Janet, Pastor Dave, Patti Abrahamson. Description: Meet when needed to discuss requests for disbursement of memorial funds.

**Breakfast Boys:** Christian men gathering for breakfast & fellowship on Saturday mornings. Council Rep: Ken Stroklund, Brian Messmer. Congregational rep: Alan Walter, Boyd Hansen, Larry Walter. Projects include LCM soup day, Easter Egg project, Ladies Breakfast.

**Hostfest Committee:** Annual event held at the fairgrounds. Help select menu, finds workers, sets up, takes down, makes sure all equipment is in working order and transported to site.

**Lutefisk Dinner:** Bethany sponsored meal for the community at Church. Selects menu, finds workers, prepares food, sets up, takes down, makes sure all equipment is in working order prior.

**Friends thru Faith:** Mission Statement: To support each other and their family's journey of faith. Intent: This group is made up of adults with school-age children/teens. It meets once a month to discuss personal, family, and faith related questions and issues in a safe environment. This group also supports the church school carnival and silent auction. It sponsors movie nights or other events for the congregation. This group does not require an executive committee and the only fundraising activity is the silent auction to support the Campership Fund.

Any additional questions, please contact the representative listed or the church office.

The BLCW will be hosting their annual Thank Offering on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> during service. They will also be providing Fellowship Hour at 9:30.

**Minot 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church** is having their annual Fall Bazaar Sat, Nov 6 from 9am-2pm. Grandma's Attic and LOTS of Hostfest style food will be served & sold.

The Bethany Lutheran Church has resent emails for access to the online Church Directory. If you did not receive this email—please call Church Office @ 701-838-5196. The email we have in the directory HAS to match the one you are trying to log on with. We are still looking for more family pictures to help fill up our directory and reach our printing goal! ☺



**It is time again for the annual food drive challenge promoted by the Minot Area Community Foundation and the Arnold I. Besserud Fund with the Donation Station. We encourage all to bring canned goods to Bethany any time between November 1-24. There will be a cart by Door 1 and also Door 3 for dropping off food.**

**The Donation Station Trailer itself will be coming to Bethany on Wednesday, November 24, which is Thanksgiving Eve. Weather dependent, we believe the trailer will be a visual aid in our parking lot, rather than being used to store food that evening. Our plan is to load the trailer and transport the food to the Lord's Cupboard on Friday, Nov. 26 or Saturday, Nov 27. We will need volunteers to help load or unload, so anyone is welcome!**

**Please let Mary Carlson or Sue Johnson  
know if you have any questions  
regarding this event.**