



**The Bethany Corner:**  
 Baptism for Flynn James Wood  
 On Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Parents: Caitlyn Flanigan & Matt Wood

***Please keep the following people in your prayers:***

Pastor Nathan King	Lona Nordgren
Pat P.(Quilters)	Judy Frank
Lewis Clifton	Doug Mattson & Cindy
Aiden, Bonnie & Chris Fohser	Debbie Sherman
Greg Close	



**Call our Foot Nurse**  
**Theresa Anderson-**  
**at 605-376-6980**  
**to schedule for**  
**the next foot clinic**  
**September 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**



**Sunday School will be**  
**starting again**  
**Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Please sign up your students**  
**TODAY!**

Call the church office to sign up!



**\*\*If you would be willing to help with**  
**Sunday School - please contact Cindy**  
**Johnson at 715-349-2933!**

Thanks for Volunteering for August 2023

Ushers

Diane Lund



Lector

Joan Day



Acolytes

- 8/6 Oliver Getts
- 8/13 Frank Dao
- 8/20 Colton Wiltout
- 8/27 Claire Meyer

Altar Guild

Frank Dao & Mary Roen – August



Technology

- Jenelle Lindquist
- Will White
- Josh Formanek



Money Counters

Val & Kylee Lindquist/ Kristin Kosloski

Coffee Serving Schedule

- 8/6 Donna Tjader & Bonnie Tjader
- 8/13 John & Jill Tinman
- 8/20 Pastor Diane & Larry Blahauvietz
- 8/27 Cindy Johnson & *volunteer needed*

Kitchen Manager :

Andy Peloquin



## August Birthdays

	Jean Doty	8/1
Bryce Highstrom		8/2
Amy Thiex		8/2
Marci FohrenKamn		8/5
Sid Sherstad		8/8
Heather O'Brien		8/10
Silas Vasatka		8/10
Richard Engstrom		8/11
Isaiah Lindquist		8/11
Thomas Scott		8/12
Darren Lund		8/12
Shirley Albrecht		8/14
Joshua Dahlberg		8/15
Bryan Maloney		8/17
Derek Thiex		8/17
Sandy Surrell		8/17
Kathy Howe		8/19
Eugene Close		8/20
Mike Vasatka		8/22
Val Lindquist		8/23
Tanner Brewster		8/25

**Naomi Glover was missed on the July calendar – her birthday was July 29<sup>th</sup> – we hope it was a good day!**

**\*\*\*If we forgot your birthday – we are “Sorry”  
– please let the church office know!**

**Thanks to everyone that helped in any way with Vacation Bible School, we could not do it without all of you!!**



**Also – a huge “thanks” to all who so generously donated to help with VBS supplies & other needs!  
VBS donations: \$1195.00**



*thank you!*

**Cindy Johnson & staff**

# Book Sale & Pie & Ice Cream social! Join Us!

Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00am to 4:00pm

Hard Covers

Paper Backs

Children's Books

Books for Older Youth



**Free Will Offering for All books**



*We  
are hoping all  
families will  
donate their favorite pie  
for the sale!*

*Sign up on the clipboard or call  
the church office!*



If you know of someone that would benefit from a call or visit from Pastor Emily, please email her at [pastorstelling@sirentel.net](mailto:pastorstelling@sirentel.net)  
Or call her phone at: 320-438-5807



**Picture Directory Update:**

**We are looking for pictures to add to our new directory!**

**If you have photos from any events -- please share them with the church office!**

**You can bring them in or email them by August 11<sup>th</sup>. We would love to see our folks in action!**

**Maybe you have pictures from Christmas- youth events – Easter - Sunday School – VBS – or any other time!**







Things to keep in mind . . .

# Regional Hospice Services & Palliative Care



Regional Hospice will be offering a support group at Bethany:

September 13 – October 18<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30.

Grief support groups are ongoing in Spooner from Regional Hospice, any questions - contact them at 715-635-9077.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Outdoor Worship Service

Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30am

@Crooked Lake Park – Siren

**(Rain site at the church) Please bring a chair!!**



There will be the baptism of Flynn James Wood at the service.



Parents: Caitlyn & Matt Wood  
Sponsors: Jimmy Flanigan & Cadi Whyte  
Grandparents: Bev & Jim Flanigan  
Great Grandma: Wanda Flanigan  
Great Aunt & Uncle: Colleen & Roger Skold

**There will be coffee & cake served following the service -  
There will be no coffee hour before the service**

# Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

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

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

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.

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

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

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

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

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

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

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen

# Bible Study Lessons for August

Bethany Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Notes  
07/11/2023

## August 6, 2023

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55: 1-5

**Psalm** 145: 8-9, 14-21

**Second Reading:** Romans 9: 1-5

**Gospel:** Matthew 14: 13-21

## August 13, 2023

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19: 9-18

**Psalm** 85: 8-13

**Second Reading:** Romans 10: 5-15

**Gospel:** Matthew 14: 22-33

## August 20, 2023

**First Reading:** Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

**Psalm** 67

**Second Reading:** Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

**Gospel:** Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

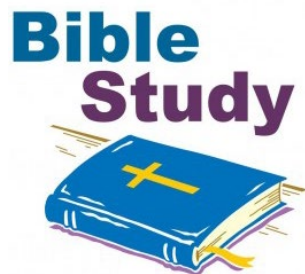
## August 27, 2023

**First Reading:** Isaiah 51: 1-6

**Psalm** 138

**Second Reading:** Romans 12: 1-8

**Gospel:** Matthew 16: 13-20



Be sure to join the  
"Tuesday Morning Bible  
Study" at 10am.  
This month will be at  
Bethany! Join us!

Members present: Pastor Emily, Joan, Wayne, Rick, Kristen, Kent, Darren, Jim, Mary, Cindy, Donna and Val

Meeting called to order at 6p by Rick

M/S/C to approve June minutes

Treasurer's Report was received

Pastor's Report was received

Highlight: \*October 28<sup>th</sup> will be a possible 8 local churches party\*

### Old Business

1. Church Cleaning Schedule: Schedule handed out to Council and days were discussed to start in August. 2 cleaning sessions pending: 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. Parish Worship Band is currently in process. More news to come
3. T-Shirts: Online store will open soon to order church shirts. Multiple options. The store when activated will run for 2 weeks.

### New Business

1. Upcoming Events: Block Party August 26<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Pie Social and Book Sale is coming up
  - b. Potato Bake Fundraiser to tentatively take place Early Fall/September
2. Fish Fry Fundraiser raised \$700
  - a. July 4<sup>th</sup> Brat/Hotdog stand raised \$1500
    - i. A HUGE Thank you to Charlie and Shirley for heading up this event!
3. Technology meeting to take place the last Monday in July and/or first Monday in August

**Stewardship:** Rick/Wayne to go and get the safe for the church. Earth Energy came to look at our problems with the thermostats/AC Units. Only one Thermostat was not working correctly and this was resolved and all AC Units were in working order. The red enclosed recycling container in our back lot will get removed this fall. We will be called Waterman's Sanitation to possibly change garbage services.

~continued~

*~continued council notes~*

**Servanthood:** Visitation ministry meeting was held on Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> for startup planning. Currently around 20 members are on the visit list.

Task Force to find out who is currently part of all the clubs/groups in the church.

A request was again asked to simplify the Treasurer's Report even more. This is in process.

**Strategic Planning** for our church has been updated and is ongoing. Thank you, Joan for your endless work on this task.

### **Discussion Only Talking Points**

\*These are just discussion points for the time being, no decisions are being made on the following:

**Financial Discussion:** to use some of the Thrivent Trust funds to help with our deficit by repaying the general fund for the mission money that has been spent by the church over the past number of years that should have been taken out of that fund, close Youth and Family Checking account and put money into general fund, Absorb some of the funds from the church clubs.

Financial Charts have been made to show the decline in our annual giving at the church.

Discussion was tabled until the August meeting and then possible solutions will be presented to the church congregation.

\*Discussion are still ongoing for the possibility of upgrading to a digital sign for the front of the church parking lot.

Meeting was adjourned, m/s/c and prayer was given at 7:37p.

***The semi-annual meeting is  
September 17<sup>th</sup>  
following service***



## **To the members of Bethany,**

The council (and other congregation members) have been motivated to obtain an LED sign for the front of the church. At our council meeting on Tues. July 11<sup>th</sup>, we decided to ask Jane Wilcox's niece if we could use part of the money Jane left to the church to purchase a sign.

Pam, Jane's niece, called us back on Monday the following week to say that whatever we thought was an appropriate use of the money was ok with her. She reiterated several times that Jane was community minded (as evidenced by her service to the Lioness club) and that she thought this was a great way to commemorate Jane. We cannot advertise all that is happening with our present sign. We also stated that we are in a prime location for locals and tourists to read what would be posted on our sign. An event center just opened less than a block from Bethany, which will bring many more people right past our church. Research has shown that 80% of advertising comes from such a sign. This is what the younger generation will pay attention to.

So, with Pam's blessing on behalf of the Wilcox family, we will begin our search for a provider of the sign. We will get about 3 bids and focus on quality and ease of service should something need attention. These are the two things that Pam emphasized.

We are excited to share this news with you! Bethany has so much to offer, and now we can share it even more effectively with both the community and visitors to Siren.

Sincerely,  
Bethany Council Members

**Pastor Message August 2023** This month's pastor message asks for responses to these questions:

What does faith formation mean?

Has faith formation been part of your life (i.e. Sunday School, Confirmation, Marriage, Adult Education)?

Do you have examples of its impact in your life?

How does the church today fulfill its mission to form people of all ages and backgrounds their whole life long?

How does the church "compete" with the complex and conflicting priorities of the modern individual or family?

Please email me your responses or leave an anonymous note in my mailbox.

Peace, Pastor Emily