

Thanks for Volunteering for February 2024

Ushers

Kyle & Val Lindquist

Lector

Amy Kopecky

Acolytes

Sign up on Confirmation page on the website

Altar Guild

Colleen Skold & Kristin Kosloski

Video

Technology volunteers needed

Money Counters

Val Lindquist, Jenelle Lindquist & Kristin Kosloski

Coffee Time Servers

2/4 Colleen Skold & Marge Peterson
2/11 Ralph & Nona Severson
2/18 Barb & Ernie Lyga
2/25 John & Jill Tinman

Kitchen Manager

Andy Peloquin

March Volunteers for Coffee time:

3/3 Donna Tjader & Bonnie Tjader
3/10 Rick & Kristin Kosloski
3/17 Avis Morrison & Mary Lou Shutt
3/24 Diane Lund and Mark & Judy Foote
3/31 Easter Sunday Brunch!

**I was asked to create a coffee hour schedule -if you are not able to serve when scheduled – please call the office- Thanks!



Semi Annual Meeting *Sunday* *February 18th* *Following the Service*



Please Plan to Attend!
Bring your questions
for the Council.



Bethany Council Committee's

<u>Stewardship Committee:</u>	Rick Kosloski, Kent Lindquist, Darren Lund
<u>Discipleship Committee:</u>	Mary Roen, Kristin Kosloski, Cindy Johnson
<u>Servanthood Committee:</u>	Joan O'Fallon, Donna Tjader, Jim Olson
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Wayne Wiberg



Sundays in February ~ Lectionary

February 4, 2024

Prayer of the Day: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Psalm: 147: 1-11

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

February 11, 2024

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

2 Kings 2: 1-12

Psalm 50: 1-6

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-9

February 18, 2024

Prayer of the Day: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Genesis 9: 8-17

Psalm: 25: 1-10

1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel -Mark 1: 9-15

February 25, 2024

Prayer of the Day: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

1st Genesis 2: 15-17, 15-16

Psalm: 22: 23-31

Romans 4: 13-25

Mark /8: 31-38

Council Corner

The council agrees that we would like to have a short article in each newsletter highlighting important events. This will be in addition to the monthly council notes.

Did you know?

- 60% of the coffee money goes to the Salvation Army, Ruby's Food Pantry, ELCA hunger, and the Family Resource Center.
- The new street sign has been ordered!
- The new sound system has been ordered with undesignated memorial funds, book club donations, and donations from private donors.
- Mary Roen is coordinating people to pick up shut ins. Talk to Mary or Pastor Emily if you know of someone who would like a ride to church.
- The 2nd Sunday of each month will be "wear your Bethany Shirts" Sunday.
- A part-time cleaning person has been hired – through donated funds.
- We want to host a dinner meeting with a speaker to discuss end-of-life financial contributions to Bethany. Please let Jim Olson or Pastor Emily know if you are interested. This will be brought up at the February semi-annual meeting.
- We are collecting for our annual garage sale now (please hold your larger items, like furniture until spring)

**January 9th, 2024 Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order @ 6p by Jim, there was a devotion by Pastor Emily
Attendance: Wayne, Kent, Kristen, Pastor Emily, Jim, Donna, Cindy, Mary, Joan, Darren
Last Month's meeting minutes were received: one change to item #7 cleaner's name is Heather Fox.
Treasurer's Report was received
Pastor's Report received

OLD BUSINESS

1. Finance Update; aka Finance Task Force, went over proper procedure for Bethany form and Parish form; and that they always need to be filled out before anything gets ordered. Otherwise this creates an Audit Issue.
2. Directory update: Need to pay bill, then they will send. Cost is split between both churches. m/s/c to pay our \$250 so we can get our directories.
3. LED Sign Update: Figuring out the color of the lights. Sign coming soon.
4. Sound System has been ordered
5. Updates for upcoming events: Walking Together, Rice Lake Feb. 17th 9a-5p; Assembly, June 7-8, Eau Claire; Lent services will be alternating Soup Supper Services this year.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Strategic Planning Meeting was January 7th, summary of meeting was discussed and action items/plans going forward were assigned.

Committee Reports

Stewardship: Shed is coming in the Spring

Servanthood: N/A

Discipleship: Father/Daughter Dance is Feb. 10th

Next Council Meeting is: Feb. 13th at 6p

Meeting was adjourned @ 7:47p

February Birthdays

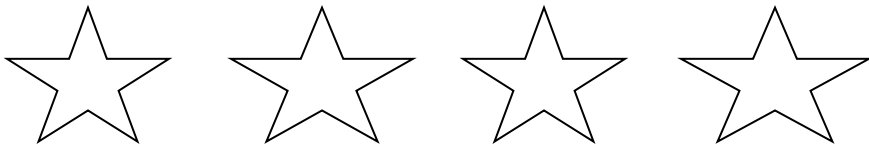
Daniel Formanek	2/2
Chris Owens	2/2
Barb Fritsche	2/5
Nathan Lund	2/6
David Wegner	2/7
Kelly Wiltrout	2/9
Polly Imme	2/14
Mary Roen	2/16
Ian Martin	2/18
Eldora Brown	2/21
Joel Springer	2/21
Ethan Ruud	2/21
Terry Bryant	2/22
Kent Lindquist	2/24
Shonnah McIntyre	2/25
Jean Sundseth	2/26
Eldon Wallace	2/27





We have openings for volunteers to serve in many positions - Altar Guild, Lector, ushers, on-line worship, & coffee time serving. If you are willing to give of your time to serve Bethany, **please call the church office.**

If you are interested in helping, - training provided for all positions- please call Jane at the church office.



Happy Valentine's Day!



BETHANY
BULLETIN
BOARD

Bethany Men's Club
Meets the Second Saturday of each Month
at the Pour House, Siren 8:00 am



The next foot clinic will be
February 23rd & 26th
Call for an appointment
@605-376-6980



FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE



Share a fun-filled evening
with your father or father
figure or daughter.

Saturday February 10, 2024
At Bethany Lutheran, Siren

All are welcome
\$10 per father
Open to all ages

Call or text Sarah Brewster
to RSVP 715-791-0602
or Bethany Office
715-349-5280

- *Craft * Dinner
- * Professional Photo
- *Professional DJ

Ruby's Pantry Collection

Please continue to donate
nonperishable food items for
Ruby's Pantry. They can be
dropped off at church M-F 8:30-
3:30 daily.

Thanks for your generous
donations to your neighbor's
in need.



Prayer Corner:



Ongoing prayers for:

Greg Close – recent surgery
Elvina Wellnitz
Gavin White
Lewis Clifton
Aiden, Bonnie & Chris Foehser
Dean Birch

Darlene Close
Marty Davis
Lona Nordgren
Carol Buck
Collin & Pat Eid

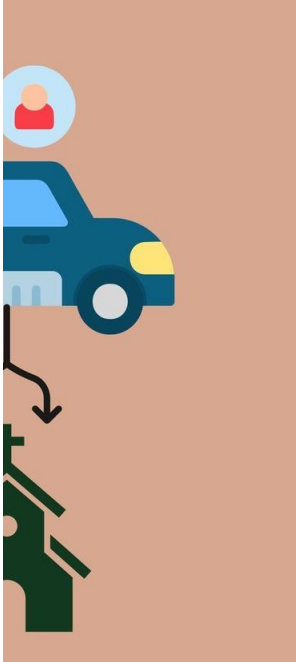
Bible Study



Tuesday Morning Bible Study
will meet at Bethany for
February @10am

Deborah Circle is meets at Bethany –
1st & 3rd Tuesday's @4:30pm
This month: Feb. 6th & 20th

Martha Circle
Meets 2nd Wednesday at 1:00pm



CHURCH
RIDESHARE

Looking for Drivers *and* Riders

PLEASE EMAIL PR. EMILY
IF INTERESTED

*Offering people rides
to Sunday worship*

If you need a ride to church be sure to give us a call!
You can call Mary Roen at 952-688-1248 or
the church office at 715-349-5280.

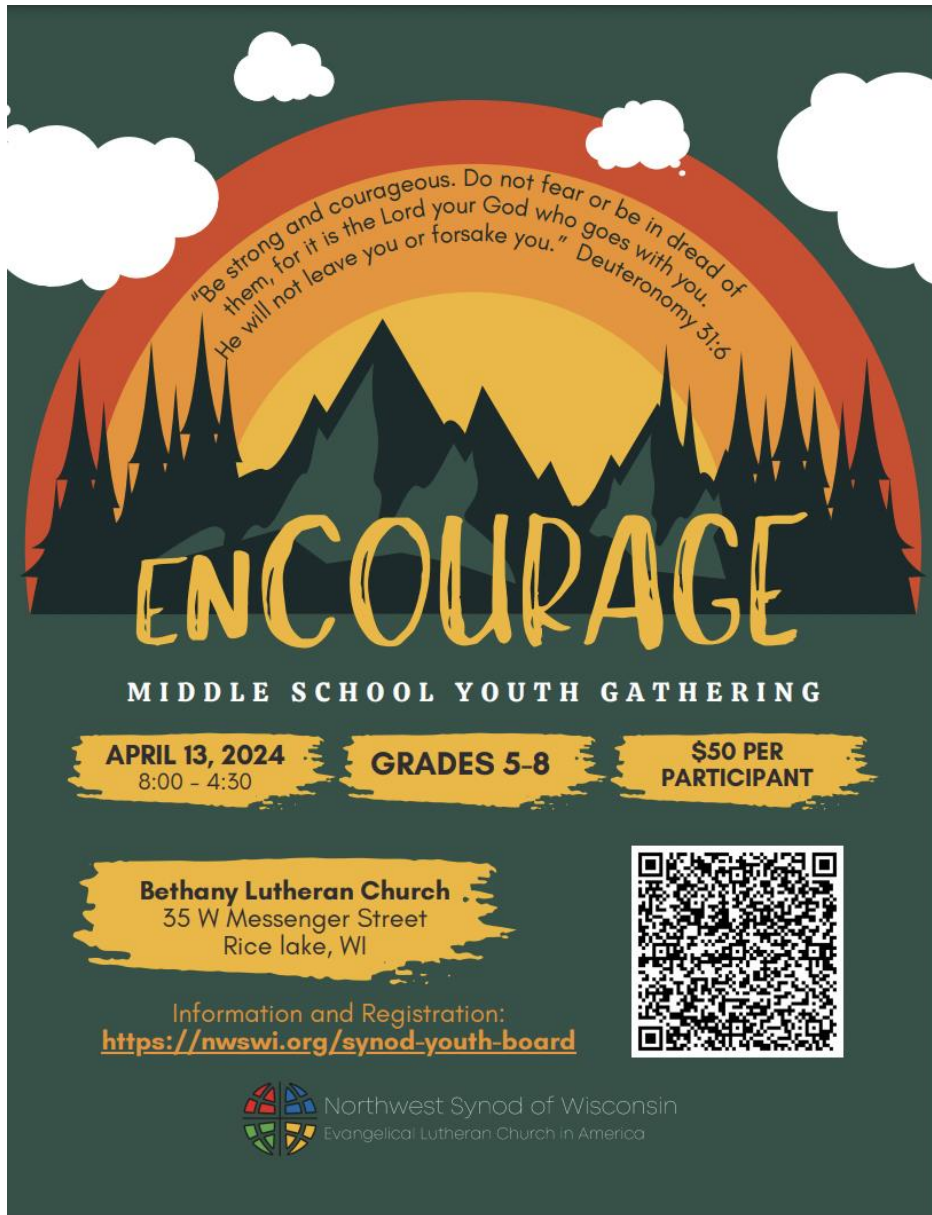


Wear your
Bethany
swag

Bethany Lutheran
Church

every
2nd **SUNDAY**
of the month!

Let's encourage our
Youth to attend!!



“Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6

ENCOURAGE


MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING

APRIL 13, 2024
8:00 - 4:30


GRADES 5-8

\$50 PER PARTICIPANT

Bethany Lutheran Church
35 W Messenger Street
Rice lake, WI



Information and Registration:
<https://nswi.org/synod-youth-board>



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



WALKING TOGETHER

“I Love to Tell the Story”

+ Worship +
+ Workshops +
+ Inspiration +



FEBRUARY 17, 2024

9:00 - 4:00

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
RICE LAKE, WI

8:00 Registration
9:00 Worship
10:00 Workshop 1
11:00 Workshop 2
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Workshop 3
2:00 Workshop 4
3:00 Workshop 5
4:00 Blessing & Sending



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

This annual event is tailored toward church councils, but all are welcome. Please let the office or Pastor Emily know before Feb. 10th if you wish to attend.

PASTOR'S CORNER!!

- **Last Call for the ELCA Youth Gathering!**

One more chance – if you want to go –
talk to Pastor Emily Now!

- **Confirmation Mentors:**

Be sure to pick up your Mentor folders from
the church office if you need one.

- **A special “Thank you” to our Directory
Committee!** Colleen Skold, Joan O’Fallon,

Kristin Kosloski, Donna
Tjader & Pastor Emily.

**Be sure to pick up a
new directory at
church!**



WE WANT YOU

PARISH PRAISE BAND

Leads worship music every
2nd Sunday of the month at
both Bethany and Pilgrim!

The graphic features a white dove, musical notes, a cross, and a red speech bubble with the text 'WE WANT YOU'. The background is a light gray grid.



CALLING THE CALLED!
We hope to have 1st Communion on Maundy
Thursday and Baptism on Easter Sunday!
If interested, please contact Pastor Emily!

**HOLY COMMUNION
(FIRST COMMUNION)**

HOLY BAPTISM

HOLY WEEK

The graphic features illustrations of a chalice, bread, candles, a cross, and a baptismal font. The background is a light beige with a subtle floral pattern.

Check out what Bethany has to offer!



FAITH FORMATION

Wherever you are on your faith journey,
you're never too old to take part in
God's gifts of Word & sacraments!
FAITH FORMATION IS LIFE-LONG

Contact
Pr. Emily!

WORD

- Study (bible, catechism, history)
- Membership
- Confession
- Mentorship
- Death Planning

SACRAMENT

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Bethany & Pilgrim
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Pastor Message February 2024

Dear Parish,

Calendars. Time. These two things govern our lives. As Steve Jobs said, "My favorite things in life don't cost any money. It's really clear that the most precious resource we all have is time." Who wouldn't follow this insanely rich, genius businessman, highly successful founder of Apple, Inc.? Our Lord and Savior teaches us in Matthew's gospel "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Do we follow a human-god like Steve Jobs or Jesus, the God-man, who tells us that to be rich you must be poor?

We have a goofy year set before us. The confusion of having Christmas Eve on a Sunday to this being a leap-year and, most pressing, is Easter's early arrival. Easter is always the Sunday after the first full-moon after the spring equinox (meaning March 22nd is the earliest possible date for Easter Sunday). Easter Sunday this year is March 31st. As we prepare our schedules, routines, and future plans I encourage us to hold central our life together in Christ. Make your faith formation and church a priority.

A few notes:

- **Please see the Lent schedule and spread the news!**
- **If you or someone you know would like to talk about Baptism or First Communion, please let them connect with me. Traditionally we aim to have First Communion on Maundy Thursday and Baptism on Easter Sunday.**
- **Discussion regarding membership/discipleship is under way. I would like to offer more faith formation opportunities in the parish and promote the fact that we are ALL life-long learners.**
- **Both churches had their Worship Leader's Roundup Meeting last month. Updates will be shared. If you or someone you know is looking to participate as an usher, counter, singer, acolyte, altar guild, etc. please connect then with me!**

In Christ, Pastor Emily



Bethany & Pilgrim
Lutheran Parish

LENT & HOLY WEEK 2024

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter invite us to remember and experience the mysteries of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. The Church does more than remember on these days. In ways we cannot fully understand, the faithful also participate in the passion in real, tangible ways that includes (yet exceeds) memory.

All are invited to join Christ on His journey to Jerusalem, The Table, Calvary, and the New Garden where Christ defeats death and all evil!

Lent Feb 14 - March 24

Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 11

We see Christ glorified on a mountaintop before Lent and end with the Ascension, May 9, on another mountaintop! Bury the "Alleluias!"

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14

Begins the 40 days of repentance and fasting as we prepare for Easter.

Stop by for Ashes & Brief Prayer:

10am @ Bethany and Noon @ Pilgrim

7:00pm Worship Service @ Bethany

Every Wednesday in Lent

Noon Prayer at Bethany (10-15 minutes)

6:00pm Soup Supper Service

Feb 21 at Pilgrim

Feb 28 at Bethany

Mar 6 at Pilgrim

Mar 13 at Bethany

Mar 29 at Pilgrim

6:50pm Finish and Clean Up

7:00pm Evening Prayer Service in Sanctuary

7:20-8:00pm Individual Confession w/ Pastor

7:20-8:00pm Bethany Choir Practice in Choir Loft

Every Sunday in Lent

8:30am Worship at Bethany, fellowship & SS

10:30am Worship at Pilgrim, fellowship

Holy Week March 24-31

Palm Sunday, March 24

8:30am Worship at Bethany

9:30am Bethany Sunday School & fellowship

10:30am Worship at Pilgrim, brunch to follow

Kids gather 15 min. prior to both services for processional

Monday-Wednesday, March 25-27

12:00pm Noon Prayer @ Bethany (10-15 minutes)

No Soup Supper Service or Confirmation on Wednesday.

Easter Baptism/First Communion "Rehearsal" w/ families, time/place TBD

Maundy Thursday, March 28

12:00-12:35pm Tenebrae Service @ Bethany

7:00pm Worship Service at Bethany

Holy Communion and stripping of the altar

Good Friday, March 29

12:00pm Noon Solemn Prayer @ Bethany

3:00pm Bach's St. John's Passion viewing & prayer

@ Pilgrim

7:00pm Worship Service @ Pilgrim

Easter Sunday, Feast of the Resurrection!

8:30am Festival Worship at Bethany, brunch to follow

10:30am Festival Worship at Pilgrim

Easter Week, The Celebration Continues!

12:00pm Noon Prayer @ Pilgrim (10-15 minutes)

Monday-Friday

Ascension Day, May 9

7:00pm Worship @ Bethany

Pentecost Sunday, May 19

Regular Sunday Worship Times



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