

Thanks for Volunteering for October 2023

Ushers

Charlie & Shirley Albrecht

Lector

Colleen Skold



Acolytes

10/1 Annabelle Benson

10/8 Needed

10/15 Needed

10/22 Needed

10/29 Needed

Altar Guild

Barb Lyga & Jeannie Johnson



Worship Technology

Jenelle Lindquist

Will White

Josh Formanek



Money Counters

Val Lindquist

Kristin Kosloski

Coffee Serving Schedule

10/1 Kyle & Val Lindquist

10/8 John & Jill Tinman

10/15 Colleen Skold & *needed*

10/22 Rick & Kristin Kosloski

10/29 Pastor Diane & Larry Blahauvietz



Kitchen Manager

Andy Peloquin

Pastor Message

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have really hit the ground running this fall and I couldn't be happier! As you can see throughout the newsletter, October will be a month full of harvesting opportunities. We are a church rooted in Christ and through his love we can connect to our communities. What ways are we living out this mission? If our churches were to suddenly disappear, would it make a difference in Frederic and Siren?

This month's harvesting opportunities include our Christian education programs starting back up again; feeding people in our community; celebrating milestones with those who will receive their bibles and those who will be confirmed; giving thanks to God for blessing us with critters and making us co-stewards of Creation; rejoicing over local harvests: the chance to learn the basics of our faith in a judgement-free, no-such-thing-as-a-dumb-question, graceful environment; blessing the quilts going to Lutheran Disaster Relief as well as the hands that made them; the ministry of real fellowship, in song and in silence.

As Jesus says, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* (Matt 9:37-38)

Roll up your sleeves, folks! Get ready for a wonderful fall harvest – reap what we sow!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Emily

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WEEKLY DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

**October 3, 2023
thru January 16, 2024**

No meeting December 26 or January 2

Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8

Bethany Lutheran Church
24096 1st Avenue, Siren WI

Questions? Tracy at (218)780-0212 or Kuku.0912@hotmail.com

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CALLING ALL SINGERS!

We are asking anyone who likes to sing to join our Community Choir to perform for our annual Christmas Concert. Rehearsals will resume for the Community Choir Christmas Concert beginning on **Monday, October 2, from 7-8:30 P.M.** at Bethany Lutheran Church in Siren under the direction of James Muus.

Mr. Muus, a graduate of St. Olaf College, retired from teaching vocal music for the Webster School District in 2013 and is currently the church choir director at Bethany Lutheran in Siren. Julie Strang will accompany on piano.

Other rehearsal dates for the group are as follows: Thursday, Oct. 5, Monday, Oct. 9, Thursday, Oct. 12, Tuesday, Oct. 24, Thursday, Oct. 26, Thursday, Nov. 2, Thursday, Nov. 9, Thursday, Nov. 16, Monday, November 20, Monday, Nov. 27 and Thursday, Nov. 30.

The dates of the **Christmas Concerts** will be **Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7:00P.M.** and **Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3:00 P.M.** at Bethany Lutheran Church. Everyone high school age through senior citizens are welcome to attend! Please join us!

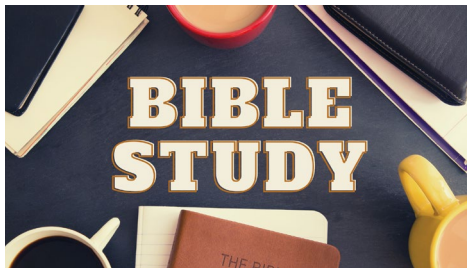


Things to keep in mind . . .



**Tuesday Morning
Bible Study
Will be 10am at
Bethany for October.
Join us!**

**Deborah Circle meets
the 1st & 3rd Tuesday's
each month at
4:30pm ~ at Bethany.
All are welcome!**



*Regional Hospice Services
& Palliative Care*



Grief Support

As a church, we are committed to walking together through all of life's milestones.

**Our Regional Hospice Group – Spooner,
is offering a Grief Support Group at Bethany –
Wednesday's Oct 4th – Oct. 18th**

10:00- 11:30am

**Everyone is welcome to
attend any week.**

Come whenever you can!



Bereavement Support

October Foot Clinic

**Friday October 13th &
Monday October 16th - call
Teresa Anderson at 605-376-6980 for a time.**



PRAYER CORNER

Ongoing Prayers for:

Debbie Sherman

Marilyn Smith

Lewis Clifton

Marlyce McKinney

Lona Nordgren

Aiden, Bonnie & Chris Foehser

Greg Close

Mary Lou & Milt Daeffler

Cindy Mattson



“Operation Christmas Child Boxes”

will be available soon!
Make your purchases
now – so you are ready
fill your box!



to

**A list of gift suggestions will be
available soon – or a
very complete description of gift
suggestions is available on line at
www.samaritanpurse.org**

**Boxes are due to the church by
Friday Nov. 10th**



Confirmation Update

**Bethany will be confirming
one student on October 29th
at the 8:30am service**

**Colton Wiltrout ~ Parents: Kelly Wiltrout
Jameson Wiltrout**

**Confirmation instruction is available
for anyone grades 7 and older.
We are alternate meeting at
Pilgrim & Bethany monthly
starting at 6:30 - 8pm.
We meet at Bethany during the
month of October.
You are still welcome to join!**

**If you have questions,
contact Pastor Emily.**

**More information is
available at the
website
bplutheran.com**



October Birthdays

DuWayne Wiberg	10/2
Pat Taylor	10/5
Eric Keith	10/5
Tiffany Meyer	10/7
Lisa Richison	10/9
Jeanne Taylor	10/14
Connie Keith	10/14
Ryan Keith	10/18
Pam Imme	10/22
Bailey Mangen	10/22
Brady Mangen	10/22
Karen Rand	10/24
Kyle Lindquist	10/25
Jimmy Flanigan	10/26
Terri Moritz	10/27
LuAnn Mattison	10/28
Autumn Tinman	10/28
Judy Foote	10/29
Niles Peterson	10/30



Council Meeting - 9/12/2023

Attendance: Rick, Mary, Joan, Kristen, Donna, Pastor Emily, Cindy, Kent, Wayne, Darren

Meeting called to order by Rick at: 6 p
m/s/c approving last month's meeting notes

Treasurer's Report was received

Pastor's Report was received

Old Business

1. Funeral Policy: Final changes and wording completed, fees/prices m/s/c for \$200 members, \$300 non-members, brochure will be remade.
2. Church Cleaning Update: Anonymous \$4,000 donation from a local business to be used toward cleaning services for the church, discussion held on what that person would do. Committee was formed to discuss that job description.
3. Parish Worship Band is planning on performing again on Sept. 24th.
4. Finance Update: we are all VERY THANKFUL for the donations to the general fund that were received.
5. Directories are being formed and finalized.
6. LED Sign Update: 1 of 4 bids have been received. Discussion will continue for value and price

New Business

1. Semi-Annual Mtg. Sept. 17th after church service, 5 members are up for re-election, paper ballots will be provided during meeting to present congregation members.
2. Book Club is providing \$5,000 toward a new sound system and \$1,000 toward camperships. Quotes to start soon for sound system "upgrade". They have also purchased \$411 in Easter items used by Pastor. A HUGE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!
3. Rick will draft a letter to all Church Clubs about using 25% of all fundraising sales to go to the general fund moving forward.
4. Noisy Offering buckets will no longer be passed but will be available and located in the back of the church for any donations.

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~council notes continued~

5. Visitor Follow-up: Visitor cards are located in the pews to be filled out and put into the offering plate. Please encourage any visitors to fill out card, they will be put into a drawing for a homemade quilt.
6. Pastor's annual performance review by council. Packets will be due back to Jane by Sept. 26th to be compiled for review at the October Council Meeting for discussion.
7. Oct. 21st will be Music Mania at the church. This will be combined with a fundraiser/ Brat/ Potato Bake.

Committee Reports

1. Stewardship: Parking concerns from residents around our church are being addressed, clocks are installed in the fellowship hall, the donation of a new shed may happen next Spring.
2. Servanthood: n/a
3. Discipleship: Sunday School is starting on Sept. 24th
4. Strategic Planning: Updated packet was given to council members for review

October 10th will be the next Council Meeting at 6p.
m/s/c to adjournment of Council Meeting at 8:09p
Lord's Prayer

***Pastor Emily is gone to Scotland
Sept. 27- Oct. 11th to officiate at
the wedding of Michelle Davis
and Brian Ritter.***

***(daughter of Chris & Marty
Davis of Pilgrim)***

***During her absence, Frank
Dao will be helping with
worship.***

***If you have any questions- please
contact the church office.***



Bethany Lutheran Church

Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes - Sunday, September 17, 2023

*Meeting called to order: 9: 34 am *Quorum was established

*Pastor gave an opening prayer

*Council had five (5) open positions with all five (5) current members, willing to stay on. Floor was opened for any new nominations, none were given, M/S/C for all five (5) to stay on for another term. These council members are as follows: Kristin Kosloski, Donna Tjader, Jim Olson, Mary Roen, and Kent Lindquist

*Current Audit Committee has three (3) members with one (1) up for re-election, John Tinman. John stated he was willing to stay on, floor was opened to other nominations, none were given. M/S/C for John to remain on this committee

*Current Nominating Committee has two (2) people on it, Diane Lund and Cindy Johnson, both up for re-election. Both are willing to remain on the committee. Floor was opened for other nominations, none were given, M/S/C for both Diane and Cindy to remain on this committee

*Financial Report - Wayne Wiberg gave the Financial Report in which he reported that as of this morning 9/17/23 we had a PLUS balance of \$4245. He did tell us however that there would be bill coming in before the end of the month so that he was hoping by the month's end he was hoping to be around \$1,000 to \$2000 to the plus side. He thanked all for the additional contributions and for stepping up, we have had a few sizable generous donations. KEEP IT UP!!

*Sign and Sound System Update - President Rick Kosloski gave an update on the LED Sign that we are looking to purchase with the Memorial Fund Money. The family told us to get a quality sign and we have only had one bid come in so far which was substantially higher than what we wanted to spend. We are taking the project slowly and responsibly to make sure we make the best decision not only for the church but for the family of the Memorial Fund.

*The Book Club and Randy Ellis have donated some money toward a new Sound System. Jenelle Lindquist is looking into different options, and checking with other churches, in hopes to minimize the equipment that we have here, as there is quite a bit of ours that doesn't work.

*Pastor gave a closing prayer *Meeting Adjourned 9:48
Respectfully submitted - Kristin Kosloski

Sundays in October ~ Lectionary

October 1st

Prayer of the Day: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25: 1-9

Philippians 2: 1-13

Matthew 21: 23-32

October 8th

Prayer of the Day: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Psalms 80: 7-15

Philippians 3: 4b-14

Matthew 21: 33-46

October 15th

Prayer of the Day: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace. Amen.

Isaiah 25: 1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4: 1-9

Matthew 22: 1-14

October 22nd

Prayer of the Day: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 45: 1-7

Psalms 96: 1-9

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Matthew 22: 15-22

October 29th ~ Reformation Sunday

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalms 46

Romans 3: 19-28

John 8: 31-36

Pilgrim's Annual Harvest Dinner

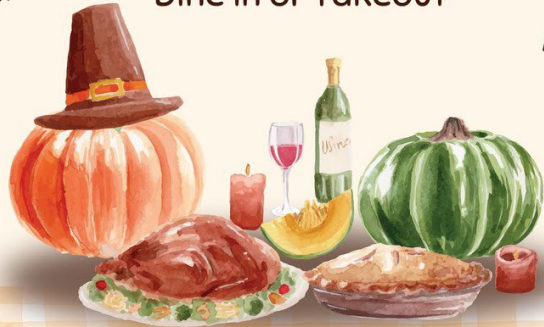
Saturday, October 14th

4:00-7:00pm

Dine in or Takeout

Featuring Pilgrim's
Famous Pork Loin

Handshucked Corn,
Homemade Mashed
Potatoes,
Homemade Pies
and more!



Harvest Dinner

Proceeds go to community outreach programs



**Moose Mulligan's Mulligan on August 20th!
New friend Ian, Olen Brewster, Gavin White, &
Walter Brewster**



Our Talented Quilters are at it again!

During the past year our community quilting group has created 103 mission quilts to be sent overseas for those in need.

In addition, they provide burnout quilts for those suffering the loss of a home due to fire, baptismal quilts, graduation quilts for our seniors, and lap quilts – which are given whenever someone needs to know we care!

They are an ambitious & fun-loving group – always looking for more people to join them. They meet Wednesday mornings at 9am – for fellowship & fun!



JOIN US

The **Looney Lutherans**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023 | 2:00 PM
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF TRADE LAKE | FREDERIC, WI
Located 6.5 miles west of Frederic on Co Rd Z
••• Freewill Donation (suggested \$20/person) •••



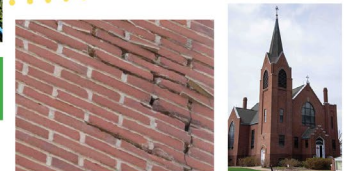
The Looney Lutherans are a trio of wacky gals who use music, comedy, and some help from the audience to share their age-old wisdom for living a long and lively life, the Lutheran way. Material is comedic and family friendly, and you don't have to be Lutheran to love 'it! Please welcome THE LOONEY LUTHERANS!

LIVIN' LA VIDA LUTHERAN:
Looney Lifestyle tips for Livelier Living! (90 Min)

All proceeds go to the steeple fund as our beautiful church's steeple is in need of repair. Thank you for joining us!

Cake, coffee and juice served after the show in the fellowship hall. The church is handicap accessible. We hope to see you there!

Zion Lutheran Church of Trade Lake | 11841 Co Rd Z, Frederic, WI 54837 | zionlutherantradelake.org





If you or someone you know is interested in Baptism or learning about Holy Communion, or would like your child to participate in First Communion, then check out our website www.bplutheran.com

The ELCA affirms the ancient understanding that one need not completely understand the sacrament before receiving it (it's impossible anyway!). Holy Baptism makes one a full member of the Body of Christ. Therefore, it is not unheard of to commune people of ALL ages, even babies. However, we understand that this is not the norm--especially in our region. While we encourage families to have First Communion around the 4th grade, it is ultimately the parent's decision. When it is believed that the children are "ready" to partake, it will be formally acknowledged and celebrated during a Sunday worship.

Perhaps you never formally had "First Communion." That's ok! Those wishing to learn more about Holy Communion, as well as families who wish to have their children undergo formal instruction, are welcome and encouraged to talk to Pastor Emily!

All Saints Day (November 1) is fast approaching! Traditionally, people go to their loved one's gravesites and spruce them up (also happens around Memorial Day in the Spring). If you would like Pastor Emily to accompany you to your loved one's grave and pray with you around that time, please let her know.



All Saints Sunday is November 6.

Faith Formation Think-Tank

You are invited to join Pr. Emily and others in reading, discussing, and implementing Faith Formation strategies in our congregations. We will meet 3 times between now and the end of the year (each congregation will have their own group) for one hour—the first part will be discussion on the book, the second, brainstorming practical ways to boost lifelong faith formation.

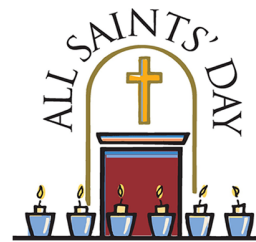
Lifelong Faith Formation includes education/study for all ages, sacraments classes (1st Communion and Baptism), bible classes, confirmation, mentorship, membership, and living a missional life. How are we forming our communities and our own selves into disciples of Jesus? What things can we offer that will engage our bodies, minds, and hearts? Retreat? Guest Speaker? Evening bible study? Global mission? Dinner Church?

Faith Forming Faith by Paul Hoffman is available online. Bethany will meet on October 23rd at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Pilgrim TBD.

- Still not too late to sign up for confirmation!
- Wear RED on Confirmation/Reformation Sunday!!!
- ELCA Youth Gathering registration is open!! The sooner you decide, the cheaper it is!
- Confirmation Sunday on Reformation Sunday—join the confirmands in a festive fellowship following worship!
- Thank you to our Parish Praise Band! If you would like to join, talk to Christina White!

All Saints Day

All Saints Day is fast approaching and will be observed at church on Nov 5th this year. We will have a display of those who died in the past year. **You are welcome to bring a picture of your loved one.**



Traditionally, people go to their loved ones' gravesites and spruce them up (also happens around Memorial Day in the spring). If you would like Pastor Emily to accompany you to your loved one's grave and pray with you, please let her know.

On Wednesday, November 1st (All Saint's Day), she will be at Viola Lake Cemetery 11-Noon; Siren's Cemetery from noon-12:45pm and at Frederic's Maple Grove Cemetery from 4-5pm that afternoon (*time may change as Confirmation may go to the cemetery that night!*)

Hymns for All Things

The Dentist Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns
The Weatherman's Hymn	There Shall be Showers of Blessings
The Contractor's Hymn	The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn	There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn	Standing on the Promises
The Optometrist's Hymn	Open My Eyes That I Might See
The IRS Agent's Hymn	I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn	Pass it On
The Electrician's Hymn	Send the Light
The Shopper's Hymn	Sweet By and By
The Realtor's Hymn	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
The Massage Therapist Hymn	He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn	The Great Physician

And for those who speed on the highway – a few hymns!

45 mph	God Will Take Care of You
55 mph	Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah
65 mph	Nearer My God to Thee
75 mph	Nearer Still Nearer
85 mph	This World is Not My Home
95 mph	Lord, I'm Coming Home

“Give me a sense of humor, Lord, give me the grace to see a joke, to get some humor out of life, and pass it on to other folk.”

****Shared by Diane Lund several years ago –
but I couldn't resist sharing again!!**



October is Cybersecurity Month: Watch out for phone and email fraud

If you receive a suspicious or unexpected phone call, text or email demanding money, threatening to disconnect your service or offering a deal that's too good to be true, hang up and call your service provider directly to verify the status of your account.

Do NOT give personal information (such as credit card or Social Security numbers) over the phone or through email unless you have verified the caller.

Be safe: Don't get caught in a scam for money or personal information!

Thanksgiving Food drive

Join us again in helping those struggling with food insecurity at this time. We are again partnering with Ruby's Pantry for a special food distribution for the holiday. With your support, we can make a difference for families in need.

We are asking you to donate a **"Bethany Blessing Bag"** which will contain ingredients for Thanksgiving Dinner - packed in a brown paper bag – *or a monetary donation is certainly welcome.*

Suggestions for your bag include:
(you can include other items if you wish)

- Canned vegetable
- Canned fruit
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Box stuffing
- Boxed potatoes
- Canned or pkg gravy mix
- Pie Crust mix
- Pumpkin Pie filling or Canned pumpkin & canned evaporated milk

Your donation (packed in a brown paper bag) is due to the church by Friday Nov. 10th.

Our goal again is 50 bags!!

Thank you for your generosity in this time of need. Ruby's Pantry is planning to add a meat source to our donation – to make the meal complete!



"2nd Annual" Music Mania October 21st 4:30-8pm

**Mark your
calendars
for a
night of
special music
at Bethany!**



There will be a wide selection of singing & instruments. There will be brats/hotdogs & wood fired pizza available from 4:30-6pm and music from 6-8pm. Good will offering for the food & music!

**If you would like to participate:
contact Rick Kosloski at 715-529-0037
See you there!**



Pastor Emily & Dr. Rev. Frank Senn
Author of “*Lutheran Identity*”

Directory Update!

**You should have received your pictures –
if you ordered them in the mail.
The church directory is being finished up
and will be available in the church
for pick up soon!**



Send in your stories!

GATHER MAGAZINE

Tell us: Critters

They chirp, run, fly, cuddle and jump and come in all shapes, sizes and colors.

What are they? Critters! From our cats, dogs, guinea pigs, parakeets and other beloved pets, to the squirrels, rabbits, birds, toads and even skunks that we encounter in our backyards and parks: Critters bring life to the ordinary.

What have you learned about faith based on your encounter with a critter? We'd love to hear from you for an upcoming story in our January/February 2024 issue.

Send your 50- to 150-word submission to Gather magazine at gather@elca.org. Please also include your name and your ELCA congregation name, town and state. Thank you!

