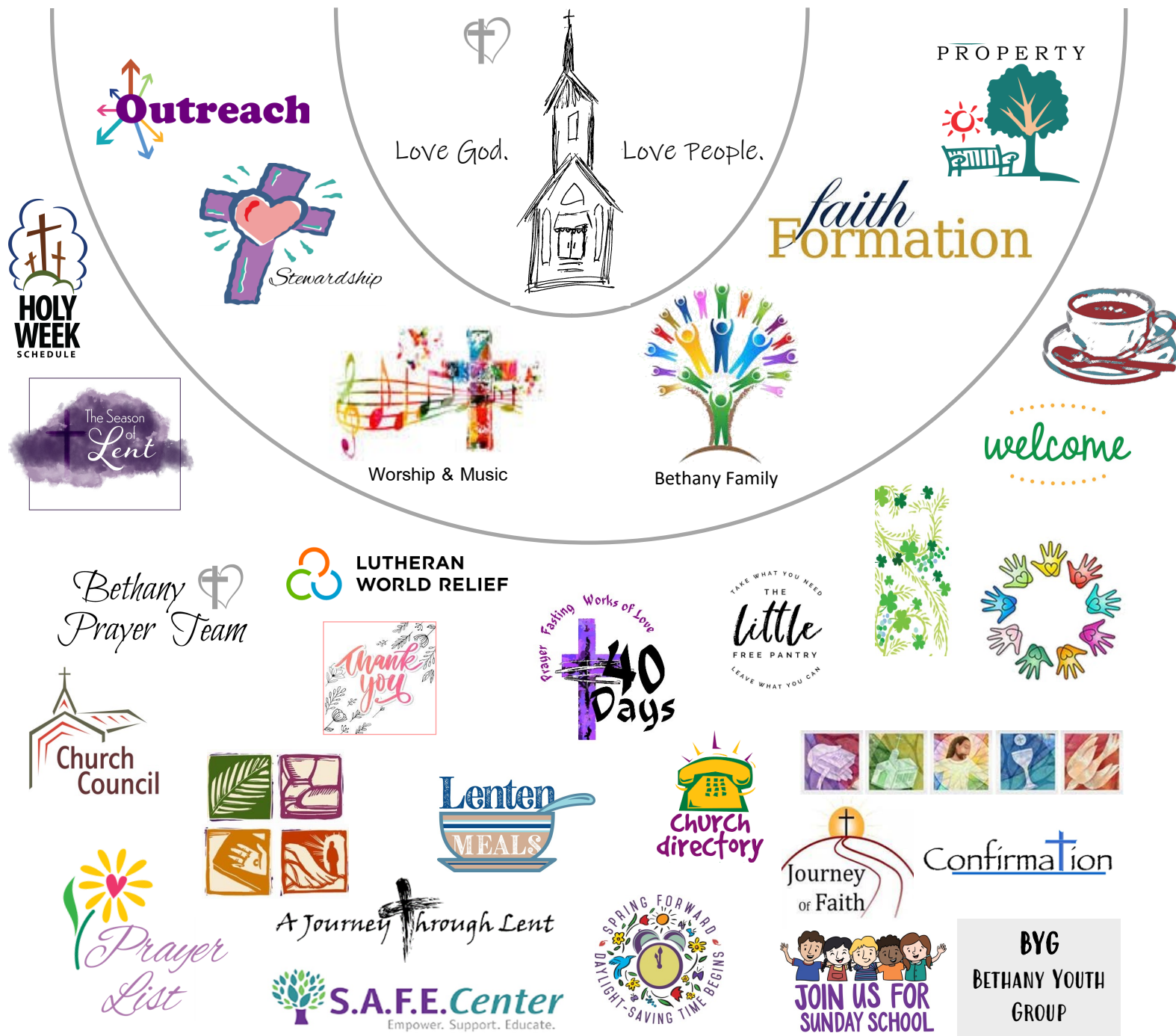


# Connections

March  
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## Sunday Schedule

**10:00 am**  
Sunday School  
Coffee Fellowship

**10:45 am**  
Worship with Holy Communion

## Community Bible Study

Monday, March 14  
4:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

We will be studying Lesson 4.  
*Please read Chapter 4 in Ruth.*  
Contact Jeanie Poole for more information.



## Faith Formation Team Meeting

Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
Following Lenten Worship

In the alley behind the Village Office  
and the Presbyterian Church in Axtell.



Daylight Saving Time Begins  
Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>



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We invite you to join us for  
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 am  
on Sunday mornings.



## Bethany Circle

Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm ~ Bethany Fellowship Hall

We will meet on Sunday,  
March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
due to Ash Wednesday  
and Lenten worship.

We would love to have you join us!  
If you have questions, please reach out  
to Amy Nelson (402) 224-0065



## Bethany is blessed to host...

BYG, a youth group for high school kids.  
About 12 kids attend each week and the  
group starts between 6:15/6:30 pm.

Would you be interested in feeding hungry and  
grateful youth? If so, contact Brandon or Shannon  
Howell to let them know you are ready to help  
them share God's love with Axtell's young people.

Brandon: 402-641-0011  
Shannon: 308-830-2314





LaVon Abrahamson  
Joyce Almquist  
Rod Behrhorst  
Ron Bergstrom  
Beverly Carlson

Bob Freeland  
Calvin Gleason  
Lanette Gleason  
Randy Lemmon

Diana Moore  
Amy Nelson  
Marshall Poole  
Isaiah Sinachack  
Gale Stratman

Residents & Staff at Mosaic ~ Axtell and Bethany Home

Family and Friends of Marilyn Anderbery

Family and Friends of John Exstrom

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*We also pray for:*

Your continued presence to all those with health challenges or loss of loved ones from coronavirus throughout the world. Bring them healing and peace.

Peace and comfort for workers who continue to feel anxious about their jobs or workplaces.

All people, that they feel calm and hopeful amid financial uncertainties.

Faith to go into the world with good courage, not knowing where we go,  
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us.

Love God.  Love People.

## Bethany Prayer Team

**Wednesday mornings at 8:00 am**

*Prayer Team uses a Zoom meeting online.*

Let Pastor Marcia know of your  
interest to join the Prayer Team.

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### Prayer Requests

Please contact Pastor Marcia to have  
your prayer request added to the list.

*Prayer requests can be added to the  
public prayer list or shared only  
with the Bethany Prayer Team.*

## Confirmation

Confirmation students meet each week in  
preparation of their Affirmation of Baptism  
in fulfilling the promises made for  
them in each of their baptisms.

Please keep these students in your prayers:

Wyatt Abrahamson	Ashlynn Nelson
Stephanie Cederburg	Leah Stritt
Connor Strolberg	



## Lenten Journey of 2022

We begin our Journey to the Cross of the Resurrection on  
**Ash Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

This year all are invited to a simple meal each week  
we gather to journey together through the Bible.

This is offered for all members, young and a little older alike.

The Biblical story of our heritage is a great way  
to focus on who and what we are in response  
to God's great and generous love for us!



### 2022 Lenten Journey

Ash Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 pm: Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Lent 1	March 9: Bible overview	Meal: 6:00 to 6:45pm	Gathering: 7:00 – 7:45pm
Lent 2	March 16: Old Testament	Meal: 6:00 to 6:45pm	Gathering: 7:00 – 7:45pm
Lent 3	March 23: Old Testament	Meal: 6:00 to 6:45pm	Gathering: 7:00 – 7:45pm
Lent 4	March 30: New Testament	Meal: 6:00 to 6:45pm	Gathering: 7:00 – 7:45pm
Lent 5	April 6: New Testament	Meal: 6:00 to 6:45pm	Gathering: 7:00 – 7:45pm



**Holy Week** *all events occur at Bethany unless otherwise noted*

***Maundy Thursday, April 14***

Worship with Holy Communion at 7:00pm

***Good Friday, April 15***

Community Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church in Axtell at 7:00 pm

***Easter Vigil – Holy Saturday, April 16***

Day of Prayer and Reflection

***Easter Sunday – Sunday April 17***

Easter Worship at 10:45am

There is a sign-up sheet in the  
narthex for anyone who wishes  
to provide a meal of soup  
and bread for any of the  
Wednesdays in Lent.





# March & April Bible Reading Plan

Lent has always been a time to turn our attention to all that has been done for us on the cross in Christ. This lavish gift can be meditated on year after year, and still would leave us to wonder in amazement.

Through this reading plan, you will walk through the gospel accounts in chronological order, tracing the steps of Jesus during his last week of his earthly ministry.



March	Passage
1	Matthew 21:1-11
2	John 12:1-11
3	John 12:12-19
4	Mark 11:12-26
5	Matthew 21:23-32
6	Rest
7	Mark 12:1-12
8	Matthew 22:1-14
9	Luke 20:9-26
10	Luke 20:27-40
11	Matthew 22:34-46
12	Matthew 23:1-39
13	Rest
14	Mark 12:41-44
15	Mark 13:1-13
16	Matthew 24:15-35

March	Passage
17	Matthew 24:36-51
18	Matthew 25:1-13
19	Matthew 25:14-30
20	Rest
21	Matthew 25:31-46
22	John 12:20-50
23	Mark 14:12-26
24	John 13:1-17
25	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
26	John 13:18-38
27	Rest
28	Luke 22:24-38
29	Matthew 26:31-35
30	John 14:1-31
31	John 15:1-27, 16:1-4
April 1	John 16:5-33

April	Passage
2	John 17:1-26
3	Rest
4	Matthew 26:36-56
5	John 18:1-18
6	Mark 14:32-72
7	Luke 22:39-62
8	John 18:19-40
9	John 19:1-16
10	Rest
11	Matthew 27:27-44
12	Luke 23:26-49
13	John 19:16-27
14	John 19:28-42
15	John 20:1-31
16	John 20:19-31
17	Easter Day



## 2022 Directories available!

Thank you for your patience while we have compiled the most accurate information for you.

As always, if you note an error with your information, please contact the church office. We regret any errors or omissions.

## All Kids Sunday School

All children age 3 years and up are encouraged to attend Sunday School at 10:00am.

We will gather in the Church Basement to learn, play and study God's message for us!





"The Chosen" video series and discussion, normally held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, will pause during Lent so that all may take part in the mid-week Wednesday in Lent series.

Please look for the Journey of Faith series to resume after the season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter!

## Connections... share your good news with Bethany!

Items for the April 2022 newsletter are due to the church office by Friday, March 21, 2022.

Please email an announcement to [bethanyaxtell@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyaxtell@gmail.com) or provide a hard copy of your announcement to the church office. Submissions may be edited due to space available.

*Did we miss your exciting news?  
If so, please allow us to publish your account in the April issue of Connections.  
We are only able to publish items of which we have been made aware.*

To my Bethany Family,

With a glad heart I share that I am going to be spending more time with my family: my husband, Kurt; our children, Laura and Clifford; and our parents: Ken & Jeanie and Rod & Jane. Yes, this means that I am vacating my paid employment at Bethany, therefore this is my last newsletter with you all. I am grateful for your support over the past three (almost!) years and I am thankful for the opportunities I have had to grown in my own faith during my employment at Bethany.



Henceforth, I leave you in good hands. Bethany has hired Jessica Fulmer as my successor. I have no doubt she will do great things at Bethany. I asked Jessica to introduce herself to you all..

Hello! My name is Jessica. I have been married to my husband Jess for 16 years. We have 2 daughters. Allison who is 11 and in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and Paige who is 3 and looking forward to Preschool in the fall.



My husband and I were happy to return to his hometown of Axtell 12 years ago and look forward to many more years to come. We spend our free time attending our daughters' school activities, sports and 4H events. I look forward to learning more about Bethany and am excited to meet with everyone!

Thank you for your patience as I grew into the Church Coordinator role. I shall treasure these years in my heart.

Grace + Peace

Amy Behrhorst



Connections - March 2022

During Lent, *Bethany Circle* will be collecting items to include in Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Please review the items below and consider what you would be able to donate. We ask that all items be new.

Additional information is included next to the picture of each item needed.

Thank you for helping *Bethany Circle*, the Women's Group at Bethany, to collect items that will reach far beyond the confines of the church building!



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

## PERSONAL CARE KITS

**Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:**



**x1**

One light-weight bath-size towel,  
dark color recommended  
(between 20x40" & 52x27")  
NOT BULKY OR FLUFFY



**x1**

One metal nail clippers,  
attached file optional



**x1**

One Sturdy comb,  
remove packaging.  
Medium to wide teeth  
requested.



**x2**

Two bath-size bars (4-5oz) of soap,  
any brand, in original wrapping.  
PLEASE, NO HOTEL SIZE SOAPS

Please leave Personal Care Kit donations in the box located in the narthex.  
Your donation makes a difference in the life of another!

*These kits will also include a toothbrush. Bethany has already received a cache of toothbrushes, generously donated by Delta Dental, a dental insurance provider in Nebraska. Thank you Delta Dental!*

## Team Meetings

February 6

Bethany TEAMS met on Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup> after worship. All people present shared in a meal of pizza, salad and cookies. After a brief overview of the opportunities to be a part of Bethany's mission to Love God, Love People, everyone divided into groups based on their interest and gifts to discern the why of their choice and to discover the possibilities of how we together can share in God's mission!

**Thanks to the members of Bethany Teams for 2022!**

*- Anyone is welcome to join a Team throughout the year -*

### *Faith* Formation

#### Faith Formation

Jackie Gregory\*  
Ann Overleese  
Nicole Cederburg  
Mandy Strolberg  
Patricia Youngmark  
Lois Thurber

### *Outreach*

#### Outreach

Shawn Soderquist\*  
Josh Jelden  
Steph Cederburg  
Bryan Danburg  
Dudley Nelson  
Deeon Cederburg



#### Worship & Music

Kendra Brown\*  
Jan Schneider  
Clark Abrahamson  
Travis Arner  
Amy Behrhorst

#### Stewardship & Finance

Kathy Abrahamson\*  
Heidi Drew  
Matt Strolberg



#### Property

Scott Nelson\*  
Josh Jelden  
Al Schneider  
Jon Abrahamson  
Brad Youngmark

Tom Brown  
Blaine Jelden  
Eric Nelson  
Connor Strolberg  
Wyatt Abrahamson



### February 2022

Community Bible Study

Bethany Circle

Coffee Fellowship

Prayer Team

Confirmation

BYG

The Chosen

Kids' Sunday School

Church Council

Choir Practice

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:6

## Breakfast Brunch

February 27

Thank you to the Confirmation students and parents for hosting a breakfast brunch on Sunday, February 27, before worship. The Confirmation students' lights shine brightly as this was a way for them to help their friend, Isaiah, and his family with expenses they have incurred since Isaiah's cancer diagnosis and subsequent treatment.

Thank you for your support of their cause. Should you wish to donate to this family, please bring your contribution to the church and make note it is for Isaiah.

This verse was shared by Isaiah's mother:

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

2 Timothy 1:7



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## From the desk of Pastor Marcia ...



We once again begin our journey toward Easter Sunday beginning with Ash Wednesday. Wednesday, March 2nd we will worship at 7 pm with Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes on each of our foreheads. In this worship service we are reminded of our mortality. We remember that we are dust and will one day return to dust when we die to this life.

In a way each year during the season of Lent we prepare and reflect on our journey to death. We look to the Resurrection promise for each of us by worshipping and studying God's word and struggling with it all. This takes courage and work to address the reality of our mortality. In this journey we must first reckon some with the Cross of Christ before we can fully and deeply feel the depth of Jesus' sacrifice for us.

### When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

The hymn, “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*” written by Isaac Watts, depicts and reminds us through his powerful words of the reality of our journey. The word survey used in this hymn can mean a somewhat more technical process but here it seems to suggest “to contemplate” or to consider what it may mean for each of us. In this we strive and hope to receive clarity on what truly matters on our journey of life and what is to come, as well as what awaits us beyond.

We will use this hymn each time we come together during our Wednesday Lenten gatherings to help center us. Using this hymn while we study God's Word as we journey together focuses us on the cross and the true meaning in it for us.

My daughter in her youth once asked me as we left our Good Friday worship service, “How does someone really understand Easter without going through Lent and Maundy Thursday and Good Friday by going to church?” A wise question that has led me to contemplate and help others to ask and consider how they may respond.

Please, consider this invitation to journey together to the cross through Lent gatherings and Worship on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as well as our celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Come and explore the significance of the Cross and see why indeed Easter is the pinnacle of our faith journey.

Come and consider, “contemplate” what the cross means in your life as together we Journey through Lent.

In the hope of the  
Resurrection,

Pastor Marcia

*“May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”*  
Galatians 6:14





## Carol Joy Holling

Camp, Conference & Retreat Center

"I want you to know all about Christ's love,  
although it is too wonderful to be measured.  
Then your lives will be filled with all that God is."

-Ephesians 3:19 (CEV)

# boundless

CAROL JOY HOLLING CAMP 2022

### The Best Summer Experience Ever!

Carol Joy Holling Camp offers camping opportunities for all ages with many different settings available.

Church camp experiences are not only life changing but are also very fun!

*Bethany will pay the cost of camp for any members wishing to attend.*

Go to [caroljoyholling.org](http://caroljoyholling.org) for more information or see Pastor Marcia.

### *A Prayer for your Lenten Journey*

*Merciful God, Accompany our journey through these forty days.*



*Renew in us the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those who are in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

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[safecenter.org](http://safecenter.org)

Crisis Line: 877-237-2513

Linea de Crisis: 877-215-0167

Love God.  Love People.



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# Congregational Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2022 at 6:30pm



## Attended by

Kathy Abrahamson	Jackie Gregory	Shawn Soderquist
Kendra Brown	Josh Jelden	Pastor Marcia Dorn
Heidi Drew	Scott Nelson	

## Absent Members

none

## Others present

Amy Behrhorst

- Pastor Marcia opened in prayer.
- January 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved.
- Financial Reports for January 2022 were approved.
  - \* General Fund & Multipurpose Funds
- Insurance/Hail Damage: Update provided on damage and claims status.
- Office Manager position has garnered interest and an applicant. Pastor Marcia has met with applicant and feels she would be a good fit. Council voted to offer the position to the applicant.
- Continue to pursue audit of 2021 financial records
- Discussion of a new pictorial directory; has been seven years since last publication. Can be pursued in future.
- Donation requested by Axtell Post Prom for 2022 event; council approved a donation from the outreach budget of the General Fund.
- Pastor Marcia outlined the Lent/Holy Week schedule (can be found elsewhere in this newsletter)

## Team Reports - from Teams Meeting after worship on February 6<sup>th</sup>

Faith Formation: Next Meeting: 03/16 after Lenten worship

Outreach: Group likes the idea of an after-worship meeting format

Worship/Music: Will be working to repair chancel banners, as time allows

Property: priority concerns for year: sign/landscaping, furnace replacement, lounge area

Stewardship: Additional members of team were not present. No report.

## Congregational Council Members

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Bethany Church Council will meet in the fellowship hall  
on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 6:30pm.

*All are invited to attend and hear current church business.*

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New Testament

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