Easter Brunch & Youth Fundraiser
March 27th  After Worship

Our Bethany Youth are preparing a feast, just for you!
Sample breakfast goodies, visit with friends, bring your family, and celebrate this special day.
A freewill offering will be collected.

Money gathered will go towards the Youth Travel Fund. They are planning a trip to Germany in 2017 to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

God gives...we share!
“Newsletter April 2016”

They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?”

--Luke 24: 32

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is our greeting, our cheer every year at Easter—welcoming back the “Alleluia” which was put away during the season of Lent, and proclaiming the Good News that Christ is risen and death is defeated!

Suddenly, anything is possible.

It takes a while for that message to sink in. It did for the first disciples, anyway. A couple of them were headed back home to Emmaus after leaving Jerusalem, and they met a stranger on the way. The stranger talked with them about Scripture, helped them to see how Jesus’s death was related to very old prophecies. During a meal together later on, they recognized the stranger as Jesus himself.

The Easter season is the time to be on the lookout for Jesus sightings. Scripture says that in the 40-day period following the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and to other groups of people. He met with them, talked, ate food—all this before he ascended into heaven, where we confess every week that he remains, seated at the right hand of God. Martin Luther once said that the right hand of God is everywhere.

So where might you encounter Jesus in the world we live in today? A good place to start is at the table of Holy Communion, which we celebrate just about every Sunday of the year. This is where our eyes may be opened to notice where Jesus is at work in the world—among the vulnerable, in the joy of children, in the reconciling of relationships, in the healings of those who are sick.

Be on the lookout for Jesus. You might just notice your heart burning within you, too.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Cheryl Walenta Gorvie
A very Happy Easter to all!

Many thanks to all who participated in the worship of the past several weeks: guest musicians, choristers, volunteers who brought dinners, those who helped with worship decoration, the altar guild, and of course to those who helped with the frequent reconfiguration of the sanctuary.

It is through your generous support that such meaningful worship can happen.

In this season of Easter, we experience a return and a renewal, coming back to familiar music and rituals, while also re-affirming the ministries that define our congregation. The season of Easter culminates in the great commissioning of Pentecost; the words of the Gospel of John (7:37-39) call us to be the living waters that flow out into the world – at once proclaiming and living God’s justice.

In the music and worship that will surround the theme of water, I invite you to not only be generous in this ministry, but to open your eyes to the world around: in all its joys and sufferings.

On May 14, we will host the Vigil of Pentecost, welcoming St. John’s and Mount Olive Lutheran churches, celebrating the unity and diversity of our congregations. This will be a service in many languages, with many songs, and many peoples. The fires of Pentecost are not solely a commissioning; they are the gathering and strengthening of the community from which we then go out. I invite you once again to open your eyes to the world around. The Vigil service begins at 3:30pm with music, and is followed by a meal. A sign-up sheet for the potluck will be posted in the narthex, along with more information about the service.

If you have any thoughts, questions or ideas, please feel free to contact me on Sunday morning or at music@bethany.net

peace, shalom, salaam to all

Josh
Another year, another Church Council, another President, and another 12 months of articles from me. Are you ready? This month Terri Guy, Paul Bierwagen, and I went to a Council Retreat at Briarwood. It was a very inspiring way to start out the year.

They asked what our purpose statement was, and as you know, it is:

*To share God's gifts with love. God gives, we share.*

They asked what our ministries were and we were proud to share the following:

- Child Development Center
- Mount Olive
- Briarwood
- Meals on Wheels
- White Rock Center of Hope
- Bethany Adults
- Bethany Youth
- Light & Hope for Lake Highlands

Then they asked the question, "If we went away, would anybody notice?" At first thought, without really thinking, it would be easy to say, it wouldn't really matter. But when you look at all the ministries that this little church supports and carries out, it is pretty amazing, and if "poof we were gone", many would notice. This year I would like the Council to focus on these ministries and see if we can improve them to better serve the people we are called to help.

Ok, I cannot really believe I’m using this analogy so here it goes. I was playing Candy Crush. I would guess some of you have spent some time playing it. It is an easy way to waste time when waiting for an appointment or sitting on a plane. When you play the game, it is easy to get caught up in the sounds and animations and lose focus on the objective of the game. Then you lose and end up playing the same game over and over and over and over and never win or get ahead. The only way to move forward is to focus on the goal and keep the big picture and the objective in mind.

It is important as a church and as a council to keep a focus on our purpose and ministries so we can continue to make a difference in the world and not get caught up in the noise and distractions and just spin our wheels without moving forward.

In Candy Crush, you only have so many moves to get the task done and with Bethany we only have so many members and resources, so we have to use them wisely. Sometimes in the game you think you are out of moves and you are not going to make it and something happens and the screen explodes with activity and all of a sudden you have more points than you need and you move on to the next level. We too experience moments like this at Bethany. Those are gifts from God that keep us from getting discouraged and help us to move on. We are given many blessings each and every day and He sends Angels to us when we need them most.

With your commitment and God’s help, Bethany will continue to make a difference in the world.

*Stephen Claussen*  -  214-535-3216
After a phone call from a concerned CDC mom picking up her child from school one afternoon this week, we discovered a beehive being formed under our picnic table in the parking lot. Our pest management company was contacted, and a perimeter of caution tape was established to warn the Jr. High school kids to stay clear of the area.

How fortunate are we that our pest management company is environmentally friendly, and a bee expert as well? The queen and hive were safely relocated to a bee keeper in the White Rock Lake area that same evening.

We have another hive high up in a nearby pecan tree that has been there for quite some time. Mark Sanders, owner of Nature King Pest Management said that we are probably on a natural “bee highway”. And, as such, we may see additional hives formed. It is important that we stay vigilant in looking after our bee friends.

According to the National Resources Defense Council, cross-pollination helps at least 30 percent of the world’s crops and 90 percent of our wild plants to thrive. Honey bees make up an important part of the cross-pollinator group which includes, butterflies, birds, and bats. So, if you see any suspicious bee activity, contact the church office. We want to continue to keep the bees and kids safe.

Bethany will be hosting Early Voting
Monday April 25 - Tuesday, May 3rd
in Nelson Fellowship Hall
News from the Trust Committee:

The Trust Committee is charged with disbursing funds from the Bethany Trust Fund, which originated with the Estate of Lorraine Gray. This fund is used to support organizations or individuals representing the poor and needy, or for special ministries of Bethany Lutheran Church. We disburse funds annually based on the amount of interest accrued during the previous year, with the guideline that a minimum of 5% of the fund is sent to various organizations or individuals. Last year we were able to expend $6,000 from the Trust Fund; however, in 2015, we saw our interest income drop due to fluctuations in the stock market. We are disbursing the 2015 allotment as follows (a reduction from last year, but slightly more than 5%):

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Total Recommended Disbursements for 2015 $5,000

Please keep this ministry in your thoughts if you observe additional needs in our community. Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,
Lisa Nagid, Chair, Linda Bernauer, Secretary
Carole Utter, Debra Hale, Ellen Frost , Pr. Cheryl Walenta Gorvie

A GIFT FOR BISHOP KEVIN AND BILLYE JEAN KANOUSE

The 2016 NT-NL Mission Area Transition Team is creating a memory album for Bp. Kevin and Billye Jean to be presented at our Mission Area Assembly, April 23, 2016.

Please share a memory/or photo so we can include it in the album. This can be a personal message from you, a combined message from your congregation, or an individual member's memory message.

Individual members can send a personal note, or card to the Kanouses at the addresses listed below. Send a story, a memory, a photo, or wishes/congratulations. If you can't bear to part with a printed picture, mail it to us (with your name on it). We will scan it, and send it back to you.

Don't delay! Send your message right now, while it's fresh in your mind.

Please include your email and mailing address.

Send to the following mailing address, or email address: Transition Team/Stephanie Varnum

NT-NL Mission Office ELCA, 680 Copper Canyon Road, Argyle, TX 76226 or Stephanie@ntnl.org
2016 NT-NL Mission Assembly

At this assembly, we will elect the new bishop of the NT-NL Mission Area. Please keep all involved in the very important Assembly in your prayers.

For information on the bishop election, please visit BpElection.ntnl.org.

Mark your calendars....

Bethany Day Camp!
July 25-29

We will be hosting a
Briarwood Day Camp again this year.

Nelson Fellowship Hall
July 25th - 29th
8:30 AM—4:00 PM
Ages 5—10

Watch for further details on how you can help!
March 19, 2016—PLMA Graduation for Alfred Gorvie at Briarwood!
Spring Break or
Clean-Up Break !!

Bethany Child Development
Center teachers busily cleaning
up during Spring Break.
Kids and parents are very
thankful!!

“CDC Mini–Monet Art Show & Raffle”

April 1, 2016  6:00 PM

Featuring two wonderful pieces of art created by each child, available for purchase. In
addition each class has created a group project that can be won in a silent auction.
Also featured is a raffle of great items that can be won by purchasing
raffle tickets and placing them into the raffle boxes.

Raffle tickets will begin selling on Monday, March 21st before and
after school. Raffle tickets are $1 each or you can get 12 for $10 ...
(and so on ...24 for $20, etc.)

Our raffle boxes will be set up in Nelson Hall for
you to place your raffle tickets in your choice of item starting on
Monday, March 21st as well.

Bring your cash or checks!

All proceeds go towards playground improvements.

We appreciate your
support!!
Vigil of Pentecost

Saturday, May 14th, 2016
3:30 PM

Bethany Lutheran Church
Dallas, TX

Presented by:
Bethany Lutheran Church
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
St. John’s Lutheran Church

Join us May 14th in front of Bethany Lutheran Church
where we will loudly sing hymns and make music
letting the whole neighborhood know that we are there.

At 4:00 PM, we will move to the sanctuary where we will celebrate and worship
with music, the Word, and uplifting messages.

At 5:30 PM after the worship service, we will continue our fellowship with a Potluck Supper.
Please remember in your prayers:

In need of healing, comfort and strength:

Family and friends mourning the death of Eric Enocksen, Carrie’s husband;
Family and friends mourning the death of C.O. Hallmon, father-in-law of Irene Hallmon;
Family and friends mourning the death of Amelia Garza, Tia (Aunt) of Al Castillo;
Family and friends mourning the death of Cheryl Hallmon, sister-in-law of Irene Hallmon;
Claire Zentner recovering in hospital, grandmother of Josh Zentner-Barrett;
Lois Greve living with lung cancer;
Margie Edmiston recovering from hospitalization, sister of Carolyn Johnson;
Suan Hughes, complications from concussion, friend of Gwen Gibbs;
Hank & Ethel Bernauer, health issues, Kevin’s parents;
Margaret & Glennys Knutson health concerns, parents of Barb Claussen;
Susan Hall liver cancer, sister-in-law of Carole Utter;
Paul Clements cancer spread to brain, friend of Ed Boudreau;
Kevin Cowan bone marrow transplant for Leukemia, friend of Susie Branch;
Those unemployed and those home-bound;
People affected by the recent flooding and storms;
Those affected by the terrorist attacks in Brussels.
**April Birthdays**
Linnea Castillo   April 4
Emma Smith       April 21
Dolores Brittin  April 29

**May Birthdays**
Carrie Enocksen  May 16
Barbara Claussen May 19
Gloria Thorson  May 19
Carolyn Frost   May 23
Carole Utter    May 26
Lois Greve     May 31
Kathie Tollack  May 31

Please contact the Bethany office if we missed your birthday!

**Children’s Sunday School**
Children’s Sunday school classes will meet in the Nelson Hall

**High School Class**
Meets in The Library

**Confirmation Class**
Will be meeting in the Choir Room

**Adult Sunday School**
Led by Bill Slonecker, the Adult Bible Study class will continue to meet in the Friendship Room with plenty of coffee, cookies and enlightening conversation.
Sally's Summer Zucchini Pasta

10 minutes prep time; 10 minutes stove time. Serves 4 as a main dish. The pasta could be served hot, or at room temperature.

Cook to Cook: While penne works nicely, there is nothing sacred about using that particular shape.

- 5 quarts salted water in a 6-quart pot
- 1 pound small zucchini, about 4 or 5
- 1 pound imported penne pasta
- 4 tablespoons good tasting extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper flakes, and more to taste
- 4 large garlic cloves, coarse chopped
- 2 cups grape tomatoes halved, or 2 cups fresh tomatoes, rough chopped
- 1 to 1-1/2 cups feta cheese, crumbled (or Cottage cheese)
- 1/3 tight-packed cup fresh basil leaves, rough chopped

1. Have the salted water boiling.
2. Trim off the ends of the zucchini. Cut the squash into matchsticks about the size of the penne.
3. Drop the pasta into the boiling water. In the last 3 minutes of boiling (check pasta package for timing), drop the zucchini into the pot. Boil, stirring often, until the penne are tender but still have a little bite. Scoop out 1 cup of the pasta water and reserve. Immediately drain the pasta and zucchini in a colander.
4. Return the pot to the heat, turning it down to low. Film the bottom of the pot with the olive oil. Add the hot pepper flakes and garlic, and gently sauté just until the garlic is fragrant, 30 seconds to 1 minute.
5. Remove the pot from the heat, add the drained pasta and zucchini, the tomatoes, feta, basil, and as much of the reserved pasta water as necessary to lightly coat the pasta. Gently toss, taste for seasoning, and serve.
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April 3 Sunday Brunch at Briarwood

Happy Spring from Briarwood! Join us on Sunday, April 3 for brunch at Briarwood. Along with all the great brunch food we usually have we will celebrate April Birthdays with a birthday cake too! Let Jean know if you are coming or just come at the last minute!

Summer 2016! “Living in God’s Time”

In Ecclesiastes 3:1, we are told, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” During the week that your campers are here, they will get to learn about the different seasons of the church, from Advent all the way to Pentecost. The lessons are full of activities and fun, while also incorporating Gospel lessons and a connection to our Catechism!

Registrations are already filling up, so make sure you reserve your spot TODAY! and you can e-mail our Program Director, Aaron Colwick, with any questions you might have! Visit our Summer Camp page on our website to pick out your camp and register.

Join us on

Saturday, May 14, 2016

at

Texas Star Golf Club
1400 Texas Star Parkway
Euless, Texas

5:30 pm Cocktails 6:30 pm Dinner

Break out the Big Hats and Mint Juleps to support Briarwood in Derby Style. A fun evening is planned with cocktails, dinner, and a silent & live auction.

If you would like to donate items to our auction please contact the office at 940-241-2099

Mark your Calendars!

* Sunday Brunch - April 3
* Briarwood Gala - May 14
* Young at Heart Retreat - Apr 5-7
* Summer Staff Training - May 31 - June 17
* Junior High Retreat - Apr 16-17
* Summer Camp Begins - Jun 19
Church Staff
Cheryl Walenta Gorvie, Pastor pastor@bethany.net
Terri Guy, Administrator churchoffice@bethany.net
Josh Zentner-Barrett, Dir. of W&M music@bethany.net
Carolyn Johnson, Organist / Pianist

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Janna Hopkins, Director
214-348-9691
cdc@bethany.net

Purpose Statement:
To Share God’s gifts with love –
God gives, we share.

Guiding Principles:
1. Jesus is Lord.
2. Everything we do is worship.
3. We are rooted in God’s Word.
4. Our integrity depends on speaking
   the Truth.
5. Encourage and welcome all.
6. We share with others what God
   has given us.

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Organization Number
Don't forget to link our Good Neighbor
Number to your Reward Card and
help us raise funds the easy way!