

Bethany Messenger

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*Joyfully reaching out
to others by sharing
the hope and love of
Jesus Christ!*

From Pastor's Desk

Change is never easy. It seems the older we get, the harder it gets to change even the smallest things. Two years ago, my wife and I took a leap of faith and moved from the outskirts of Chicago to Bigfork. Talk about a change! The Sunday I was installed as the new pastor at Bethany, we were still adjusting to all the changes a move can bring. However, that afternoon, we got a knock on the door and Eddie Crutsinger invited our family out on his boat for the afternoon. We had no idea who he was, but it didn't matter. We spent that afternoon and evening with the Crutsingers and the Lesters and had a great time. Needless to say friendships grew from there, which makes it hard when they have to say goodbye.

Eddie got transferred to Texas, so they are moving to the Lone Star State. Why am I bringing this up in a newsletter? Because they will be going through several changes in the next few weeks: Hannah gets married on June 3, Aaron graduates from high school June 4, and the big move will be shortly after that. That's a lot of change and I pray they will meet people in Texas as friendly as they were to us. I pray they find a church with as many wonderful people as there are at Bethany. And I ask you to pray for them as they adjust to these big changes.

The Israelites left Egypt and moved to a new land and the change wasn't easy, but God was with them wherever they went. God will be with Eddie and Shaunda too and hopefully it won't take them 40 years to get to Texas. If you get a chance, reach out and let them know how much they mean to you.

The Bethany family always rises to the occasion and I'm sure this will be no exception. The term "dear friends" appears 23 times in the NIV Bible, all in the New Testament. The Crutsingers are dear friends and I hope everyone in their lifetime has at least one friend as loyal as they are. God bless you, dear friends. May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Pastor Shawn



In March of this year, we held a congregational meeting to change our fiscal year to **July 1— June 30**.

Our Annual Meeting will now be held on July 24, 2022.

From the church office: Council members and committee chairmen, please remember that your Annual Reports are due in the church office no later than June 24th.

Treasurer's Report — April 2022

May 2, 2022

Financial Information can be obtained in the Church Office.

Council Highlights

May 12, 2022

We welcome Rebecca Gilliard as our new pianist.

Our scheduled MT Hwy 35 pickup will be postponed for another month as crews from Big-fork cleaned-up our stretch of road this past Earth Day.

VBS June 13-17. Volunteers needed; please contact Pastor Shawn if you can help.

The Council approved the Lutefisk dinner in the fall.

“Monumental—Celebrating GOD’S Greatness”

**Save these dates—June 13-17, 2022
for Vacation Bible School at Bethany.**



Crackers, regular oatmeal (not packets), Top Ramen, canned corn, canned ravioli, canned Spaghetti-Os, packaged meals like Rice-a-roni or Hamburger Helper, canned peaches, corn muffin mix, cereal, dried beans (not black-eyed peas), mayonnaise, juice, ketchup, Brown a/o white rice (1-2# packages) and toilet paper.

Youth & Family

June 2022



- 1 ~ Kellen Dahlman
- 1 ~ Chris Miller
- 7 ~ Renae Jorgenson
- 12 ~ Dale Jorgenson
- 13 ~ Dick Hays
- 14 ~ Michael Ohrn

Note: Only birthdays of members who have given permission to print their birth dates have been included. If you would like to be included, please sign up on the Birthday Chart on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

The Special Offering for June is A Ray of Hope



Save these dates!

Vacation Bible School will be held on

June 13-17, 2022, 9am—12pm

MONUMENTAL

Celebrating GOD'S Greatness

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Activities

Registration for 2022 Youth Summer Camps is OPEN! - You can view program descriptions and the full summer brochure on their website: <https://flbc.net/summer-camp/>

Registration for week long Family Camp is also open.

***NEW* Youth Summer Weekend, July 15-17, 2022.** Missed going to the youth gathering? Join us for a MT Synod FBLC retreat. Learn how **BOUNDLESS** God is through Bible study with small groups, worship, low ropes, service projects, and much more! Choice options include: high ropes, swimming, pottery boating, disc golf, escape room, archery and more. Meet youth from around the MT Synod and beyond. \$75 per person. Camperships available! This retreat is for youth entering 9th grade in Fall 2022 through H.S. class of '22 grads.

Bethany's Prayer Shawl Group

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 10am in the Prayer Shawl Ministry room.

Everyone is welcome.



The Bethany Quilters are on summer break. Will resume meeting in September. They meet the 2nd & 4th Thursday at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

Ushers for June 2022

June 5

Reader: Ron Harapat
Ushers: Jan & Jerry Wiedebush
Greeters: Leoma Taylor & Bev Ostroot
Communion Assist: Connie Clump, Art Crane
Chris Miller
Prayers: Kelly Jorgenson
Sound: Art Crane
PowerPoint: Kathy Buffington
Video: Seth Osborne

June 12

Reader: Karyl Gopp
Ushers: Aneda & Ray Wykoff
Greeters: Linda Johnson & Lisa Thomson
Prayers: Bev Ostroot
Sound: Mike Nelson
PowerPoint: Chris Miller
Video: DeAnn Farrell

June 19

Reader: Tom Gopp
Ushers: Ray & Karen Poston
Greeters: Aase Veseth & Jacqueline Whitehorn
Prayers: Kelly Jorgenson
Sound: Art Crane
PowerPoint: Kathy Buffington
Video: Seth Osborne

June 26

Reader: Ray Wykoff
Ushers: Bonnie Hoffman & Marlys Jensen
Greeters: Betty Stuart & Sharon Lorang
Prayers: Kelly Jorgenson
Sound: Mike Nelson
PowerPoint: Kathy Buffington
Video: Doug Buffington

Altar Guild - Jan Wiedebush

NOTE: Please be here at least 20 minutes early. If you are unable to be here for your assigned Sunday, please switch your Sunday

Red Cross Blood Drive

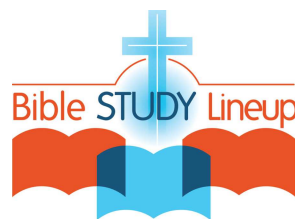
Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

10:00am—5:30pm in the
Fellowship Hall .

Care Team Ministry



The Care Team is anxious to help you: rides, meals, visits.
Call us: Sharon Lorang , 837-3769
or Bev Ostroot, 837-6767.



*Men's Breakfast Bible Study is on
summer break. They will resume meeting on
Tuesdays at 7:30am September.*

Women's Groups

Friendship Circle - 2nd & 4th Mon., June 13 & 27
in the church library at 9:00am.

Rachel Circle - Summer break



Bethany's Prayer Ministry meets every
Monday at 7:00PM for prayer and
devotions in the church library. For more
information contact
Kelly Jorgenson, 837-1467.

Umpteenth Annual Rummage Sale and Bake Sale is back!

Sponsored by Women of Bethany—All proceeds used
for Charitable Donations.

When: **Friday, June 24—8am to 4pm**

Saturday, June 25—8am to Noon

Set up—Sunday, June 19