

Bethany Messenger

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From Pastor's Desk

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Tuesday—Thursday

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

As the country gets even crazier with its anti-biblical philosophies and skyrocketing inflation, it would be easy to throw in the towel and say, "That's it! I'm done!" Many elected and appointed government officials can't even define what a woman is! I can answer that for them. Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." I lament that so many brave men died for this country, only to see it get turned upside-down. That being said, it really should come as no surprise because the Bible tells us not to put our trust in our feelings, our leaders, our money, or anything else. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Submission means being obedient to what He has to say. Even Jesus told His listeners in John 14:15, "If you love me, keep my commands." What commands? For starters, the 10 Commandments.

But we're also commanded to share the Good News with others. Now more than ever the Gospel is desperately needed in a world that is rapidly going down the moral tubes. Animals have more rights than unborn babies. Bibles aren't allowed in most public schools, but books with pornographic content are being

approved by many school boards across the country. It goes on and on. How are we supposed to fight the good fight? By sharing the Gospel! The Great Commission is for all of us who profess Christ as our Lord and Savior. Romans 10:13-15 says, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'" That's us!

Maybe you're shy or timid. Maybe you feel ill-equipped. That means you're normal. First Peter 3:15 says, "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect," Don't worry. You're in good hands because you're in God's hands.

Pastor Shawn

Treasurer's Report — June 2022

July 1, 2022

Financial Information can be obtained in the Church Office.

Council Highlights

July 14, 2022

Council approved Sierra Crawford for paid nursery attendant. She will attend the nursery the 2nd and 4th Sundays, and Shelli Riedesel has graciously volunteered to be the nursery attendant 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Council approved of removing a leaning Ponderosa Pine on church property

Council voted to cancel the Community Lutefisk dinner this year due to supply chain problems, escalating food prices and other concerns.

Next Council meeting — August 11, 2022.



Crackers(Saltines, Ritz, etc), breakfast cereals, canned corn, salad dressing (Ranch.1000 Island, etc.) chili, canned meats (chicken etc.) fresh fruit and produce (please call to schedule a drop off

Youth & Family August 2022



Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Activities

21 ~ Anastacia Fincher

23 ~ Brach Thomson

24 ~ Lisa Ohrn

25 ~ Leoma Taylor

30 ~ Rhonda Jellison

31 ~ Gene Lee

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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 August is Lighthouse Christian



**Sunday School resumes on
Sunday, Sept. 11,
at 10:45am.**



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 August 2022

Aug. 7

Reader: Jan Olson
Ushers: Lisa Thomson & Jan Wiedebush
Greeters: Aase Veseth & Jacqueline Whitehorn
Communion Assist: Doug & Kathy Buffington
Chris Miller
Prayers: Kelly Jorgenson
Sound: Ken Olson
PowerPoint: Jan Olson
Video: DeAnn Farrell

Aug. 14

Reader: Doug Buffington
Ushers: Karen & Ray Poston
Greeters: Aneda & Ray Wykoff
Prayers: Bev Ostroot
Sound: Mike Nelson
PowerPoint: Karyl Gopp
Video: Seth Osborne

Aug. 21

Reader: Karyl Gopp
Ushers: Bill & Nancy Lester
Greeters: Bev Ostroot & Betty Stuart
Prayers: Deb Jorgenson
Sound: Art Crane
PowerPoint: Chris Miller
Video: Ken Olson

Aug. 28

Reader: Ron Harapat
Ushers: Jan & Jerry Wiedebush
Greeters: Marlys Jensen & Leoma Taylor
Prayers: Kelly Jorgenson
Sound: Ken Olson
PowerPoint: Kathy Buffington
Video: Doug Buffington

Altar Guild - Marge Bagley

NOTE: Please be here at least 20 minutes early. If you are unable to be here for your assigned Sunday, please switch your Sunday with someone and notify the church office of the change.

Red Cross Blood Drive

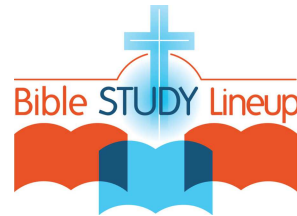
Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

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 on September 6th.*

Women's Groups

Friendship Circle - Will resume Sept. 12 & 26,
9:00am in the library

Rachel Circle - Will resume on Sept. 19, 9:00am
in the library.



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.