

Bethany Messenger

Bigfork, Montana

From Pastor's Desk

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Tuesday—Thursday

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

So, the Osborne family had an interesting day yesterday: Lydia came home from FVCC for the night, Seth just got back from the gym, and we had just finished supper. We're sitting around the kitchen table when Karen yelled, "Bear! There's a bear!" Sure enough, there was a large black bear right next to the front door. I'm scrambling to get my phone out so I can take video because it's really cool, but Karen had a much different take. You would have thought we were under attack by the Huns! The bear then went around back and busted the fence and got in the backyard. He then came back over the same section of fence he destroyed (not sure why) and then meandered over to the church dumpster. It was at this point I had a loaded .40 caliber pistol in my hand. I felt much safer armed with a weapon that could put down this bear, if I had to. Long story short: Our quiet evening was shaken up by an unexpected visitor. Not just unexpected, but potentially dangerous.

Needless to say, it got me to thinking about the biblical application of this situation. So here we go: Jesus told His listeners to be ready because no one knows when He will return. Jesus says in Luke 12:38-40, "It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward day-break. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." Just like when I felt

more confident with the pistol, I also feel more confident when I'm in the Word. The Bible is like a weapon.

Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

When Jesus returns, He won't be coming back like the meek and mild Lamb, but like the Lion of Judah, so we must be ready. The order Paul gave Timothy could easily apply to all believers. In 2 Timothy 1-3, Paul writes, "In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction."

We have an incredible opportunity to share the light of Jesus in an ever-darkening world. Give the world a reason to see what makes Christians different from everyone else. Jesus is coming soon! Are you ready?

Pastor Shawn

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**Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, October 4, 2022.**

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

# Treasurer's Report — July 2022

August 1, 2022

Financial Information can be obtained in the Church Office.

## Council Highlights

September 8, 2022

Eyehear Technology Group Proposal for installing a new laser projector and a 124" Ambient Light Rejecting Projection screen for \$9,950.00 was approved by the Council. This new system will modernize and greatly improve the quality of the Church's visual presentation. Memorial funds will finance the project.

Accepted a proposal to change our Fire alarm system to a cellular dialing system. The first years' costs are \$1,406.00 and after that the yearly cost will be \$496. Thank you Chris Miller for your research.

The Council discussed the possible renaming the church and each member joined in the discussion with Pastor Shawn. Discussion forums will begin the first of the year. Pastor Shawn and the Council state that any changes will be made in "baby steps" with complete transparency.

Next Council meeting—October 13, 2022



Pancake mix, cereal, boxed meals such as hamburger helper, dried beans, ketchup, sugar, crackers, canned meats (don't need tuna) crunchy peanut butter, toilet paper. **Please check the expiration date on donated food. Federal law will not allow the Food Bank to give away outdated food items.**

# Youth & Family October 2022



- 7 ~ Jan Olson
- 11 ~ Dietrich Schurke
- 16 ~ Jacqueline Whitehorn
- 22 ~ Art Crane
- 24 ~ Karyl Gopp

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 October is the Abbie Shelter



## Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp Activities

### The FLBC Golf Tournament for camperships is almost here!

Registration closes **October  
1st, 2022.**

*Registering early helps us make it the best event possible.* If you register by SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25th, you will receive 10 free raffle tickets!

We are also still looking for tournament sponsors to help us make camp financially accessible for all!

### 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.

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### The Bethany Quilters

Meet the 2nd & 4th Thursday at 9am  
in the Fellowship Hall.

## Ushers for October 2022

### Oct. 2

Reader: Chris Miller  
Ushers: Jewry & Jan Wiedebush  
Greeters: Marlys Jensen & Aase Veseth  
Communion Assist: Art Crane, Connie Clump & Jacqueline Whitehorn  
Prayers: Deb Jorgenson  
Sound: Mike Nelson  
PowerPoint: Brooklyn Farrell  
Video: DeAnn Farrell

### Oct. 9

Reader: Ray Wykoff  
Ushers: Rau & Karen Poston  
Greeters: Leoma Taylor & Sharon Lorang  
Prayers: Kelly Jorgenson  
Sound: Art Crane  
PowerPoint: Linda Dahlman  
Video: Doug Buffington

### Oct. 16

Reader: Karyl Gopp  
Ushers: Bonnie Hoffman & Jacqueline Whitehorn  
Greeters: Linda Johnson & Lisa Thomson  
Prayers: Ron Harapat  
Sound: Ken Olson  
PowerPoint: Jan Olson  
Video: Doug Buffington

### Oct. 23

Reader: Tom Gopp  
Ushers: Ray & Aneda Wykoff  
Greeters: Karyl Gopp & Bonnie Hoffman  
Prayers: Bev Ostroot  
Sound: Ron Harapat  
PowerPoint: Chris Miller  
Video: Ken Olson

### Oct. 30

Reader: Ron Harapat  
Ushers: Bill & Nancy Lester  
Greeters: Jerry & Jan Wiedebush  
Communion Assist: Chris Miller, Jan Olson,  
Tom Gopp  
Prayers: Deb Jorgenson  
Sound: Mike Nelson  
PowerPoint: Brooklyn Farrell  
Video: DeAnn Farrell

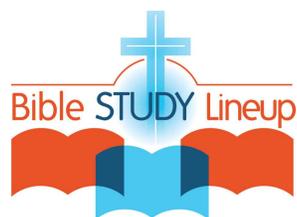
### **Altar Guild - Nancy Lester & Alice Brosten**

**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.

### 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 meets on  
Tuesdays at 7:00am in the Fellowship Hall.*

### Women's Groups

**Rachel Circle** - Meets the 1st & 3rd Monday—  
Oct. 3 and 17, at 9am.

**Friendship Circle** - Meets on the 2nd & 4th  
Monday, Oct. 10 and 24, at 9am.

Both groups meet in the church 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.

### Flathead City-County Health Department

## 2022 Annual Flu Clinic

Wednesday, October 5th, 2022

8AM—6PM

Flathead County Fairgrounds Expo Building

Masks required for individuals aged five(5) and older.

406-751-8110

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