

## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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✝ Ministers: All the People of Bethany ✝

Pastors: Casey Zesch, Kevin Haug, & Ray Tiemann

Children, Youth & Family Director: Kiesha Priem

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ✝ September 4, 2022**

**INFORMATION FOR TODAY:** (1) A **Cry Room** is available in the back of the sanctuary for Traditional Worship. (2) Children's bulletins & activity bags (take & return to rack), hearing aids, & home devotionals are available. (3) **Offerings are collected in offering boxes at the entrances. We do not pass an offering plate.**

**KEEP IN PRAYERS:** Jody Donovan, Sheila Donovan, Carol Eckhardt, Donald Eckhardt, Audrey Gold, Jason Holland, Kenna Joy Kramer, Donna Mittel, Ton Roarick, & Keith Whited.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** at all services today are Given to the Glory of God by Carlos & Emily Sandoval in Loving Memory of Elia Sandoval.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Elia Sandoval, who passed away Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>. Funeral was Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup> at Bethany.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Norma Rode Geistweidt, who passed away Friday August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:** St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.

### September Special Offering: Grace Center

This month's special offering is Grace Center of Fredericksburg, a 501(c)3 non-profit that seeks to provide victims of domestic violence and their children a safe haven and supportive resources away from their abuser. GCoF is currently conducting a capital campaign to raise funds to build a 9 bedroom, 36-bed shelter in Fredericksburg. Construction has begun and is on schedule to be completed in March 2023. Statistics show that 1 in 4 women have been victims of severe physical violence (e.g. beating, burning, strangling, etc...) by an intimate partner in their lifetime. Often, children are eyewitnesses to this violence.

You can help GCoF reach its goal with your financial contribution in September. If you wish to donate to this fund, make your checks out to "Bethany Lutheran Church" and write "Grace Center" on the memo line. Use your special offering envelope or a pew envelope.

### Prayer Cards to Ushers

Starting today we will again take up prayer request cards in Traditional Worship. The Ushers will collect the cards as the Worship Pastor runs the slideshow. You may write on the prayer card the names of people for whom we should pray. Please be sure you have permission from the person or that their condition is ok to share. Thank you.

### Bethany Meal at Marktplatz - Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Fellowship Team will host a bbq brisket meal with sides at noon after Sunday services conclude.

**This meal is free of charge in a time of celebration after all we endured the past few years and as we look forward to a bright future of being, living as, and making disciples of Jesus Christ.** Beer & wine will also be provided. Special thanks to Backwoods BBQ for providing the meal & giving us a great price, and to Lost Draw & Narrow Path Wineries for donating the wine!

**We will also honor Berta Allen** after 30 years of service to Bethany as our Financial Secretary & Office Manager. Please bring cards or notes to share with her! Berta will officially retire on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Lutheran Fall Festival – Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>

The annual Fall Festival, sponsored by "Cross Trails" will take place Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Marktplatz. There will be kid's carnival games, food booths & trucks, a craft fair, quilt auction, live music, & more!

### Bethany Name Tags

The Evangelism Committee will soon be ordering Nametags for New Members, and verify how they wish to have their name shown. If any current members need a replacement nametag, we can add to the order at that time. Please let Layne know. We ask a donation of \$15.00 (or whatever you can) to defray the cost of replacements.

We do want everyone who worships regularly to have and use their nametag.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

**Senior High Laser Tag, Next Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.**  
Email Kiesha for more details. [kieshablc@gmail.com](mailto:kieshablc@gmail.com)

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 4, 2022**

8:15 Traditional Worship – includes livestream  
9:00 Breakfast Bar  
9:15 Sunday School & Adult Classes  
10:30 Praise & Worship – Includes livestream  
10:30 Traditional Worship

Mon Sept 5	<b>Church Office &amp; Preschool Closed</b>
Tue Sept 6	9:00 Staff Meeting 3:45 WELCA Board 4:00 Faith Foundations 5:15 Bell Choir
Wed Sept 7	4:00 Jumpstart 5:30 Confirmation
Thur Sept 8	9:15 Preschool Chapel 9:30 Lydia Circle 4:00 Social Concerns 4:00 Faith Foundations 4:30 Chancel Choir 6:00 Preschool Board 6:00 Foundation Board
Fri Sept 9	
Sat Sept 10	
Sun Sept 11	8:15 Traditional Worship – includes livestream 9:00 Breakfast Bar 9:15 Sunday School & Adult Classes 10:30 Praise & Worship – Includes livestream 10:30 Traditional Worship 11:45 New Member Class/Lunch “Discover Bethany” <b>Sr. High Laser Tag in Austin</b>

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Kevin Haug & Pastor Casey Zesch

**Organists / Pianists:** Marjorie Ottmers, Annabel Wilkinson

**Praise & Worship Leader:** Matt White

**Chancel Choir Director:** Chrissy Stuewe **Bell Choir Director:** Alicia Elrod

**P&W Leader:** Kay Stech **Kids Sermon:** Callie Peters

**Adult Classes & Children’s Sunday School begin:**

<u>Who goes.....</u>	<u>Where</u>
2-5 year olds	Room #100
Kinder & 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Room #103
2nd & 3rd grade	Room #101
4th & 5th Grade	Room #105
Middle School	Room #113
High School	Room #112

**Adult Bible Class**

The Adult Bible Class meets in the overflow area at the back of the sanctuary with the pastors. They will study “Baptism, the Bible and Life”. People of all ages are welcomed! Please join us!

**Transitions Class**

The Transitions class is for anyone who enjoys a highly interactive class where all thoughts and ideas are welcome. The class meets in **room 205** (triple room) at 9:20 a.m. Please join us then for lively discussions on various topics related to life and faith. In September this class will be discussing “Seeing Gray in a World of Black & White” by Adam Hamilton.

**Legacy Builders**

The class focuses on the stress of balancing work, raising kids, dealing with busy schedules and unexpected challenges. Singles and couples are welcomed! They meet downstairs in **room 115** starting at 9:20 am. Please join us for breakfast bar, fellowship & studies seeking guidance for life’s decisions. In September they will begin a series “The 5 Languages of Love”.

**NEW MEMBERS’ CLASSES & LUNCH** with the pastors will happen on two Sundays in September, with “Discover Bethany” on Sept 11 for all who wish to consider joining and “Discover Lutherans” on Sept. 25 for those who have not been confirmed in a Lutheran church. Sign-up on Pastor Casey’s door, or by emailing Casey or Layne, or call church office.

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