

Bethany Bells

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“Being, Living as, and Making Disciples of Jesus Christ”

November 2022

Grace Leads to Gratitude

By Pastor Kevin Haug

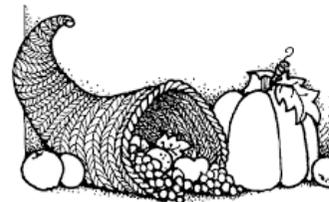
As a “band dad” I thoroughly enjoy watching the Pride of the Texas Hill Country, the Fredericksburg High School Marching Band. This year’s show is titled: “Imagination”, and through a series of events, I now have the privilege of announcing the band’s performances at football games. Because of this, I get a bird’s eye view of their marching every week. And, boy, do I enjoy the show.

The band’s show this year is quite awesome, but sometimes, I don’t see the show. I’m too busy being nit-picky: looking to see where lines are not straight; listening to make sure the music is on point; catching small flaws in the performance. And it detracts from the enjoyment of the overall performance. It steals the power and joy of a well put together show.

When I take the time to just watch the overall performance and stop being nit-picky, I am blown away. I smile. I tear up. There is a deep sense of appreciation as my heart is touched.

I think there is a lesson for thankfulness here. When we focus on those nit-picky things around us, it’s easy to lose joy; lose hope; lose gratitude. But as Christians, when we focus on the goodness and

grace of God, we cannot help but smile, tear up, and have our hearts touched with a deep sense of appreciation. May God’s grace do exactly that to each of us this Thanksgiving as we respond with deep gratitude.



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November



Welcome New Members

In October, Bethany welcomed new members. Please take time to introduce yourself to:

Joe & Marilyn Butcher	Travis Koenig
Ron & Sherry Colburn	Sue Lindelien
Craig & Terry Deans	Bobby & Sharon Wendt
Dr. Richie & Karis Edeen	Cherry Woods
& Daivey & Blake Edeen	

Christmas Journey Sign-Up

In the foyer of sanctuary & fellowship hall



We invite you to sign up for this year's Journey which will take place Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10. Setup will begin on Sunday, December 4 and conclude December 7 & 8. We will need people to be characters, helpers, greeters, set-builders, food makers, traffic directors, and more. To put on a truly great performance for our community, we need lots of folks! **Please sign up by November 18th.**



Pack a CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX Operation Christmas Child

Bethany joins other local churches in packing shoeboxes for children in need all over the world. Information and boxes are available in the narthex and fellowship hall foyer. Deadline for the return of boxes is **November 14th.** After that, they will be shipped.



In Our Prayers

Hospital/Clinic/ER/Tests:

Randy Busch	Heide Kemper	Bobby Klein
Lyn Linka	Denise Stehling	Cora Turbeville
Cherry Woods	Donna Mittel	Ellen Fowler

Ongoing:

Donald & Carol Eckhardt	Audrey Gold	Vernon Kasch
Heide Kemper	Bobby Klein	Billy Leifeste
Kenna Joy Kramer	Pastor Tim Van Antwerp	

Our Sympathy to:

- The family of Ruby May Stahl, our oldest member at 101, whose funeral was October 13.
- The family of Susan Weinheimer whose visitation and family memorial was October 14.
- The family of Jason Holland, 43, whose funeral was October 19.
- Marian Klein & family at the death of her sister, Elaine Doebbler Warner, whose burial was October 1.
- To Brad Flink and Danny Flink and family at the death of their mother and grandmother, Millie Flink
- Amanda Koone and family at the death of her grandmother.
- The family of Christi Wendal, former preschool teacher and nursery volunteer.

Schools: prayers for our community schools and especially for kids who are going through tough times, and for teachers, counselors, and administrative people who work for the health and well-being of our children and youth.



November Birthdays



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| 1 – Ethan Dahlstrom
Haylen Parker
Dana Rowan | 12 – Gloria Brooks
Callie Sides
Casie Ward |
| 2 – Abby Warriner | 13 – DeAnne Peterson |
| 3 – Dalton Keener | 14 – Judy Dittmar |
| 4 – Quenten Cox
Kenneth Crenwelge
Willard Dearing
Carolyn Grosenbacher
Karen Oestreich | 15 – William Stafford
Tom Swearingen |
| 6 – Donnie Schuch | 16 – Sean Doerre |
| 7 – Stephanie Bage
Ernest Celaya
Dwight Oestreich | 18 – Charis Coolidge
Carissa Wehmeyer |
| 8 – Lori Boos
Georgia Reagen
Brandi Welgehausen | 19 – Ryan Langehennig |
| 9 – Donna Mittel
Karlene Ottmers
Shane Willis | 20 – Roxanne Bruns |
| 10 – Eli Geistweidt
Reyn Kothe
Cliff Ottmers | 21 – Sharon Burgess |
| 11 – Brittany Evans
Matthew Stafford
Theresa Schmidtzinsky
Elizabeth White | 22 – Alvin Holland
Ann Hostetter
Phil Maple
Marilyn Probst |
| | 23 – Brinleigh Merritt
Beth Weeks |
| | 24 – Sarah Dietz
Lisa Welgehausen |
| | 25 – Autumn Holland
Victor Nixon, Jr.
Jett Whiting |
| | 26 – Heide Kemper |
| | 27 – Max Beckmann |
| | 30 – Terry Neans |

Stay Informed



- Text messages for updates & prayer; to join the Bethany group, text: **@bethanytx2 to 81010**
- After hours, listen to our office phone's voice message about upcoming worship.
- Those on our email prayer chain will also occasionally receive updates about changes in schedules.

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All Saints Sunday

November 6

On All Saints Sunday, we remember Bethany members and friends

who have died since last year's All Saints. We trust the promise of resurrection is sure and true! We will remember:

John Evans	Dorothy Rode	Robert Walter
Walt Grinke	Elia Sandoval	Elaine Doebbler Warner
Jason Holland	Ruby May Stahl	Susan Weinheimer
Wilbur Pressler	Dean Jorgensen	



Thanksgiving Meal & Pie Auction

We are happy to celebrate Thanksgiving with a congregational meal on Sunday, November 20, after the late services. Turkey & dressing & trimmings, as well as potato & cranberry dishes, will be provided. We ask the congregation to bring other vegetables, salads and desserts. Bethany Youth will again have their Pie Auction which provides people with desserts for their family gatherings and serves as a fundraiser for youth events and ministries.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

After two years of online-only, we are returning to in-person worship on Thanksgiving Eve, **Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m.** The entire offering that night goes for our monthly special offering, one-half for Lutheran global hunger relief and one-half for our Fredericksburg Food Pantry.

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Special Offering for November
Local & Global Hunger
1/2 ELCA World Hunger
1/2 Local Food Pantry

The November special offering is gathered throughout the month as a sign of our Thanksgiving and as part of our calling to end world hunger—around the corner and around the world.

You may use the Thanksgiving envelope any Sunday in November or at the Thanksgiving Eve service. You can also mail it to the church. If you use a pew envelope, please mark it “Hunger”. Checks should be made out to “Bethany Lutheran Church” and sent to:

Bethany Lutheran Church
 110 W. Austin St.
 Fredericksburg, TX 78624



Come See The Christmas Lights!!

The Fellowship Committee is planning a trip to see the lights at the Jones CHRISTmas Ranch on Monday, December 5th. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We are taking the two Bethany buses so limited space is available.



November 2022
Assisted Living

Location	Day	Time	Location	Day	Time
Knopp Assisted	Wed. 11/2	9:30	Villages of Windcrest	Wed. 11/9	9:45
Knopp #2	Wed. 11/2	10:30	FBG NH	Wed. 11/9	10:45
Heritage Place	Thur. 11/3	9:30	Knopp RC	Thur. 11/10	9:30
Windcrest	Thur. 11/3	10:30	Knopp #1	Thur. 11/10	10:30

Bethany: January/April/July/October

Holy Ghost: March/June/September/December

Zion: February/May/August/November

Celeste Care

*Dan Mittel

Villages of Windcrest

*Marion Welgehausen *Gloria Brooks *Audelle Burkey

FBG NURSING HOME

KNOPP HEALTHCARE & REHAB CTR (#1)

*Brandi Welgehausen

KNOPP RETIREMENT

*Clarence Rose

KNOPP (#2)

Betty Grinke

KNOPP Assisted Living Care Center

WINDCREST NURSING & REHAB

*Genevieve Ketron

November 2022 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP COMMUNION

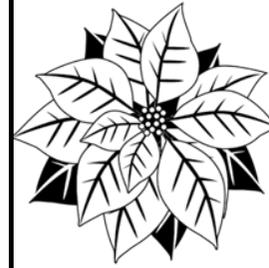
Date	Time	Communion Assistants
Sun. Nov. 6	8:15	Rose Marie Mazanke, Jonathan Baethge
	10:30	Ted & Nancy Geistweidt & Jean Weber
Sun. Nov. 13	8:15	No Communion
	10:30	No Communion
Sun. Nov. 20	8:15	Todd Keener & Beth Luckenbach
	10:30	Keith & Eileen Whited, Carlton Eckert
Wed. Nov. 23	7:00 pm	<u>Thanksgiving Eve Service</u> Ernie & Karen Jo Loeffler
Sun. Nov. 27	8:15	No Communion
	10:30	No Communion



Lifeboat Log : November 2022

There is not a new message to offer this month. Rather, we want to simply say, "Thank you" again for your contributions to the Lifeboat little free food pantry. We are providing Vienna sausages and Progresso soups for a couple of individuals who need occasional zest in their diet and real relief for other neighbors who are not able to keep up with food costs. It is good to fulfill the admonishment in Hebrews; "Don't forget to do good and share what you have because God is pleased with those kinds of sacrifices." May he be glorified!

-Bethany Outreach and Advocacy Team
(BOAT)



To order a poinsettia

to be used during worship services, please fill out this form and return with a check for \$10.00 to Bethany. Deadline is December 4th.

Name: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

of poinsettias @ \$10.00 each: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

I will bring my own plant: _____

(Even if you bring your own plant, sign this form so we have the information for the bulletin.)

We are limited to 60 poinsettias so get your order in soon.



For Those Who Lost a Child

Balloon Release November 6 at 2 pm

For those who have lost a child—regardless of how long ago, regardless of age— there will be a balloon release at Marktplatz on Sunday afternoon, November 6, at 2:00 p.m.



November Sunday Schedule

Adult Classes @ 9:20 Sundays

Adult Bible Class -



The Adult Bible Class meets in the overflow area at the back of the sanctuary with the pastors. They will study Bible passages about “The Lord’s Supper” during November. People of all ages are welcomed. Please come 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.

Legacy Builders (young adults class)-

Dr. Tony Evans, the lead pastor at the Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, calls the Biblical characters mentioned in Hebrews 11 the Hall of Fame of the Bible. In his study called KINGDOM HEROES he explores the characteristics of Abel, Noah, Enoch, and others that make their walk with God notable. The Legacy Builders Sunday School class is exploring these characteristics so we can:



- Keep giving God our best, no matter life’s circumstances
 - View trials as opportunities to strengthen our faith
 - Leave behind a spiritual impact on those who follow in our path
- It’s never too late to be a kingdom hero. Just put your faith in God and walk with him.

This class meets downstairs in room 115.

November 2022 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

DATE	TIME	USHERS
Sun. Nov. 6	8:15	Max Beckmann - captain, Bonnie Beckmann, Joyce Robertson
	10:30	Kenneth Treibs—captain Jaye Treibs, Jennifer Jenschke, James Jenschke
Sun. Nov. 13	8:15	Dorothy Klier—captain, Wayne Klier, Jerald Klett
	10:30	Carlton Eckert- captain Dayton Eckhardt, Shelba Fenimore, Joyce Richey
Sun. Nov. 20	8:15	Vonnie Maner—captain, Zander Maner, Jackie Kneese, Larry Ahrens
	10:30	Sandra Kammlah - captain Tom Pahl, Ernie Loeffler, Karen Jo Loeffler
Wed. Nov. 23	7:00 pm	<u>Thanksgiving Eve Service</u> Dwight Oestreich—captain Gary Stehling, Becky Dittmar, Judy Dittmar
Sun. Nov. 27	8:15	Dwight Oestreich—captain Kyle Kneese, Clara Kozielski
	10:30	Willard Dearing—captain Leland Geistweidt, Kevin Kunz



Bulletin Announcements on Website

Want to see the Sunday bulletin and announcements? They’re both posted each week on our website. Click on the worship tab for the drop down menu: www.bethanyfbg.com

Don’t have internet? Stop by the church during the week for a copy. If you’d like to stay in your car, call and we’ll bring one out to you!

November 2022 PRAISE & WORSHIP (10:30)

	<u>Leader</u> Kid's Message	HOSTS	<u>Communion Assistants</u> Prayer Minister
Sun. Nov. 6	Beth Luckenbach Beth Luckenbach	Karen & Ralph Rode	No Communion Beth Luckenbach
Sun. Nov. 13	Ken Smith Ken Smith	Jackie Kneese, Larry Ahrens	Steve & Mary Evans Beth & Erik Iverson Ken Smith
Sun. Nov. 20	Erik Iverson Beth Iverson	Shane & Michele Willis	No Communion Erik Iverson
Sun. Nov. 27	Carl Schoessow Carl Schoessow	Elizabeth White Ken Smith	Jaye Treibs (2) Marc & Camille Williamson Carl Schoessow



Council Highlights— October 25, 2022



- Southwest Texas Synod Bishop Sue Briner met with the council in person. She told the council about the ministries of the ELCA that our ELCA giving supports. Those ministries include equipping new lay and rostered leaders, providing resources to congregations, starting new ministries, & coordinating justice work.
- The council examined the financial report which shows a sizeable deficit due to increased expense this year.
- The council received reports on the meetings of the Capital Campaign & Building Committees for the proposed new pre-school building.
- Pastor Kevin & those attending a recent security training will be making plans to form an Emergency Preparedness Team.
- Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be at 7 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and Christmas Journey will be on Friday & Saturday, Dec. 9 & 10. Signup for Christmas Journey has begun.

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Sunday School & Adult Education Rooms

Who goes.....

2-5 year olds
Kinder & 1st Grade
2nd & 3rd Grade
4th & 5th Grade
Middle School
High School

Where

Room #100
Room #103
Room #101
Room #105
Room #113
Room #112

Young Adults/Legacy Builder's Room #115
Transitions will meet in the Triple Room #205
Adult Bible Classes will meet in the overflow area at the back of the sanctuary.



Prayer Cards to Ushers

We are again collecting prayer cards in Traditional Worship. A pastor picks up the cards at 8:15 worship. At 10:30, the ushers will need to collect the cards, as the worship pastor runs the slide show on the screen. You may write on the prayer card the names of people for whom we should pray. Be sure that you have permission from the person or that their condition is public information. Thanks!



November 2022 Altar Guild

Traditional:

Violet Ottmers, Joyce Richey,
Joyce Robertson

Contemporary:

Tuttie Geistweidt & Jennifer Jenschke

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Brother Steward

Alive in the Spirit of Prayer!

Years ago our Abbot said, "Prayer can move mountains" and adding a grin, "and elections too." "So," he said, "be diligent, thoughtful, and true to your convictions. And as a guide, he said when you consider a choice listen to God's voice." And with that he posted on the Monastery wall the following:

- *Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
- *Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.*
- *Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the land.*
- *Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.*
- *Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy.*
- *Blessed are the clean of heart for they will see God.*
- *Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.*
- *Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of heaven*

And with that he said, "Now go out with a prayer on your lips and a ballot in your hand, and cast your lot!"

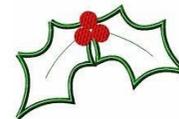


Yes, The WELCA ladies will sell coffee, chocolate and tea in November!!

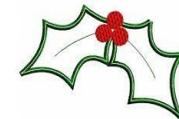
It's for a great cause. The money raised helps to pay for the shipping of quilts, baby kits and school kits for Lutheran World Relief. To make it more convenient, we have set up a table in the narthex at church with a donation box. We hope you will stop by and pick up a bag or two and some chocolate bars. Any questions? Contact

Debbie Tiemann 456-6946 or email at :
rtiemann1@austin.rr.com

Coffee—Whole Bean, Ground, Kcups—\$10.00	
Boxed Tea—\$4	Chocolate Chips—\$5
Hot Cocoa & Baking Cocoa—\$8	Chocolate Bars—\$4



WELCA Joint Circles Christmas Luncheon



Date: Sunday, December 4th

Time: 11:45 am

Place: Bethany Fellowship Hall

Come Join in the Fun & Fellowship!

- Catered meal (suggested donation to be determined.)
- Secret Sisters will be revealed & we will draw for new ones for 2023.
- Election & installation of new officers
- Singing Christmas Carols

Sign-up sheet will be on the WELCA bulletin board soon!!!



November Schedule

- **November 1**— 3:45 p.m. WELCA board meets at Jet Itz's home.
- **November 3**—9:30 a.m. Leah Circle meets at the home of Jean Weber.
- **November 8**—6:00 p.m. Hope Circle meets in the downstairs kitchen (or maybe in the Fellowship Hall.)
- **November 9** - 9:00 a.m. The Bethany Quilters meet in the quilting/choir room downstairs
- **November 10** —9:15 a.m. Lydia Circle meets in the downstairs kitchen.



F.Y.I. Please remember to continue your Thankoffering during these busy months. You can bring your Thankoffering to the Thanksgiving Eve service or give it to our treasurer, Ann Hoch. Deadline to have your Thankoffering turned in is December 5th.

IMPORTANT!!!

**** Monthly WELCA offering for October went to New Horizons.*****



Our Bethany quilters will be taking quilts, baby kits, personal care kits and school kits to the Ingathering on November 2 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Marion. This year our ladies have made: **202** mission quilts, **36** School kits, **29** Personal care kits and **22** Baby care kits. Thank you to everyone who has been involved with this wonderful ministry. With heart and hands together we show dedication, generosity and love for our neighbors

Our storage space is empty as we begin a brand new year starting Nov. 9th at 9:00 am We welcome everyone with an interest in this ministry.

No experience needed!!



Thank you, Bethany members, for purchasing coffee, chocolate, tea, etc.. from our WELCA circles. The money raised goes to help pay for the shipping of these quilts and kits. (See p. 25 for more information.)



Angel Tree News!!!!

Bethany Fellowship Team will once again sponsor needy families for Christmas on the Angel Tree. Trees will be set up in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Pick a card from the trees or from the window by the porte cochere to support a family this Christmas.

**** Important: Don't lose the card!!****

**Please attach the card to your gift.
Bring your gifts to the triple room.**

**Deadline for gifts is
Friday, Dec. 9th.**

It's Budget Time!

Committees have turned in their requests for the 2023 budget. The Finance Committee will put it all together this month and make a proposal to council. The final proposed budget will be voted on by the congregation at the January 22 Annual Congregational Meeting.



**2022
Committee Reports
Due December 9th
For the Annual Report**

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A Budget is a Statement of Faith



What does your church's annual budget represent?

Is it a proud menu of the hopes, dreams and missionary ministries your congregation wants to accomplish in the year to come?

Or is it a life-support prescription for how the congregation expects to pay the staff, keep the lights burning, the staff paid and property maintained?

In a workshop when she was stewardship officer for the Episcopal Church, the late Terry Parsons gave this "Devil's Dictionary" definition of a church budget: "It is the means by which we notify the Lord of the limitations we intend to impose on his gifts for the coming year."

If we view the budget — and present it to our congregations — as an administrative necessity to ensure proper financial management, then we shouldn't be surprised to wind up with bare-bones measures that are grudgingly funded. If funded at all.

But if we present the budget to our congregations as opportunities to invest in the Reign of God and stretch ourselves to see how much we can do with even the nickels and dimes God has given us, then the possibilities increase.

In the end, a budget is a statement about how a congregation views the future. Do your people trust that ours is the God of abundance who rewards faithful stewards and will stand behind servants who proclaim the Reign of God? If an outsider looked at your budget, what would he or she conclude about your congregation's faith?

And what would be a "God's Dictionary" definition of a church budget? How about, "It is the means by which we make the most of the abundance the Lord is giving us." Hmm. That will look nice on the cover of the annual report.

--Rob Blezard

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Need Volunteers!!

Bethany is in need of new friendly faces to assist with worship services and church food groups. Volunteering is a special way to contribute to the church and is a great way to get to know the other members of the congregation. Please look for more information in November's weekly announcements or contact the church office if you would be interested in helping in any of the following ways:

Serving during Traditional Worship as:

an Acolyte, Altar Guild, Cantor,
Communion Asst, Reader/Lector, or Usher

Serving during Contemporary Worship as:

an Altar Guild, giving the Children's Message,
Communion Asst, Host/Usher, being a Lay
Leader, Lights & Sound Asst, or Musician

Other Volunteer Opportunities:

Funeral Food Prep (making sandwiches,
cakes, etc.)
Funeral Meal Server
Food 4 Kids
Being incorporated into a Breakfast Bar Team



Cross Trails Ministry
391 Upper Turtle Creek Road
Kerrville, TX 78028

Ebert Ranch Pond Challenge

**Help us meet the \$50,000 matching
Challenge by the end of 2022!**

Cross Trails has an amazing opportunity and challenge that must be completed by the end of this year! An anonymous donor has seen the need for a **new water play and swimming option** at Ebert Ranch Camp. They have offered to match any funds we raise before the end of the year up to \$50,000! Scan the QR code or visit “Ways to Give” on our webpage to learn more about this opportunity and how you can support this new feature at Ebert Ranch! Give online or send a designated check to our office!



Bethany, like most congregations, does a wonderful job of caring for grieving people in the immediate days surrounding a death and funeral. Meals, a worship service,

cards, flowers, etc. are typically provided before and immediately after the funeral, providing an amazing basis of support.

However, those who are grieving often need more. Not long after the funeral, people surrounding the grieving person return to their daily routines. Many don't understand the deep, prolonged impact caused by the death of a loved one and the need for ongoing support and encouragement for the person who grieves for many weeks and months.

A program called “GriefShare” provides this kind of sustained support and helps a grieving person move from mourning to joy. Pastor Tiemann and a team of lay leaders facilitated this 14 session program this past Spring with 15 participants. The responses were so positive, Bethany will offer it again in 2023. Participants meet weekly for two hours that includes a short video and small group conversation. Each participant also receives a personal workbook to help them continue their thinking and praying between sessions.

Bethany will provide this program as a free ministry to congregation and community members beginning on Thursday, January 12, and will be held twice each Thursday to accommodate varying schedules – 10:00 a.m. until Noon and 6:00-8:00 p.m.

If you or a friend or a family member needs this kind of support, registration forms can be received by calling (830-997-2069) or emailing (churchofficeblc@gmail.com) the church office. Or, you can register online at <https://www.griefshare.org/findagroup> and put in the zip code, 78624.



A Few Words from our BPS Director: Cheryl Flink

Dear Bethany Lutheran Members,

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11

I want to begin by saying "THANK YOU" for your generosity and support towards our Bethany Preschool Fajita Dinner! A special 'Thank You' to our generous donors:

Gatti's Pizza * H-E-B * Hill Country Pest Control * Kenneth Treibs Construction * Knopp Healthcare * Texas Wine Country * Jellystone Park * Thrivent Financial * Kyle Treibs * Max and Bonnie Beckman * Jim and Lynn Parker * Jim Jinright * Joyce Richey * BPS Board * BPS Parents. The event was a huge success due to deliciously prepared food and enormous behind the scene efforts! We look forward to next year!

We also had many adventures in October to celebrate the fall season. The older children went on field trips again (remember field trips?!?!?) for the first fall since before COVID! What a joy to be enriched with experiences such as pumpkin painting, corn field mazes, hay rides and more. We are thankful for many opportunities to take the children to safe and fun places in our community.

(Director's Message continued on p. 13.)

Dear Bethany Church,
We are writing on behalf of the Good Samaritan Center to thank you for the recent \$2,980 special offering gift in



support of our mission to provide high quality but affordable medical and dental care to the underserved members of our community. Your gift is greatly appreciated by our patients, our volunteers, and our staff members. You are truly a blessing to our community!

May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and your generosity.

Sincerely,

Phil Maple, MD

John Willome, Executive Director



November 20 Youth Pie Auction

The youth will be baking pies again this year!! They will be set out on Nov. 20th for bidding on, after the 8:15 service. Come support our youth and get a Thanksgiving pie! All money raised will go towards youth camp and trips.



Texas Lutheran University Christmas Vespers 2022

We live in troubled times; a broken world that's crying for peace, harmony and hope. In our own backyard we are assaulted by the slaughter of innocents, deeply entrenched racism, divisions in our civic lives and a lingering pandemic. Christmas Vespers 2022 seeks to bring a sense of peace, harmony and hope to the listener. The service, "This Broken World Embrace," is taking its title from a commissioned work by composer William Averitt. Poet Robert Bode created a new text for the well-known Swedish hymn tune *Tryggare kan ingen vara* for this new arrangement by Averitt. It will receive its world premiere performance during Christmas Vespers.

Service Schedule

- Friday, December 2, at 7:30 pm in Jackson Auditorium
- Saturday, December 3, at 7:30 pm in Jackson Auditorium
- Sunday, December 4, at 4 pm in Jackson Auditorium
- Sunday, December 11, at 4 pm at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Austin

Tickets are available starting November 1.

(Director's Message continued from p. 12.)

During the month of November we will host our annual Thanksgiving Feast for all of our preschool families. Also, our Bethany Preschool youth will be participating in a school wide kindness challenge. Inside the classroom, the children will be working on social skills such as: Telling a friend/teacher 'thank you', sharing a toy with a friend, asking a friend 'will you play with me?', and more. The teachers will be working to recognize students every day for their positive efforts! We will also be collecting food for the Needs Council as part of the challenge. The class that collects the most food items will win a Glow Stick Dance party in their classroom. We look forward to growing socially and generously so that we can enrich our school and community.

In His Name,
Chery Flink



Thanks to the Kitchen Cleaners!



A group from the Fellowship Committee did a deep-clean of the kitchen in October. We thank them for their hard work and also for organizing kitchen items. What's the best way to thank them? (1) When you use the kitchen, please clean up. (2) When you use kitchen items, please put the items back where you found them.



Youth & Family

- Upper Elementary Retreat for 3rd-5th Grade
Dec. 9-11, 2022 at Ebert Ranch in Harper, TX
\$120/person

Jesus and his family had to travel to be counted for the census. Join us as we explore what it means to be counted in God's family! Learn about the hope that comes with being a child of God. Participate in small group Bible studies, worships, crafts, and other camp activities to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Register with Bethany, online at crosstrails.org



- SWTS Middle School Gathering (6th-8th Grade)
Nov. 11-13, 2022 at Camp Chrysalis
\$120/person

The Lutheran Church experienced a reformation more than 500 years ago. Learn how the church is still reforming and how we are re-formed because of church history and vision. Camp fun and interactive, faith-filled learning with other synod youth are all a part of The Gathering Experience.

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Children's Christmas Program:
The Fumbly, Bumbly Angels
Thursday evening, Dec. 15th.
6:00 p.m.
(More info. in the
December Bells.)

BLC Dollars & Cents

General Fund Budget

September 2022

Income \$47,906.33 Income – Year \$523,401.04
Expenses \$63,063.92 Expenses – Year \$561,983.56
Deficit year to date ----- (\$-38,582.52)

Balances Other Funds – September 2022

Designated Accounts: \$219,081.03
Capital Improvement/Hennig Fund: \$158,718.69
Pre School Building Fund: \$226,651.39
Emergency Aid Fund (Chase): \$7,567.12

PNC–Money Market Account Balance \$106,803.92
ELCA Loan Fund (Investment Account) \$35,000.00

First United Bank (CD-Hein Estate Gift) \$106,199.44
First United Bank (Savings-Hein Estate Gift) \$60,797.74
Edward Jones (Dr. Stein Estate Gift) \$243,120.12
Beginning Value – Dec 31, 2019 - \$221,672.83

Monthly Special Offerings - 2022

January - Der Stadt Friedhof - \$3,763
February – HC Needs Council - \$2,290
March – Rainbow Trail Camp - \$2,270
April – Synod Assembly - \$1,475
May – Bethany PreSchool - \$8,799
June – Crosstrails Ministry - \$2,525
Special Disaster Appeal – Uvalde - \$3,121
July – Bethany Foundation –
August – Good Samaritan Center - \$2,980
September – The Grace Center - \$3295



More Youth Christmas Plans!!!

- December 4th—Angel Tree Shopping trip with dinner and Walkway of Lights in Marble Falls

Middle school and high school will meet at Bethany at 3:00 pm and then head to Marble Falls to shop for some more Angel Tree gifts, have dinner together, then explore the Walkway of Lights. \$25/person (covers dinner & shopping.)

Thanks to everyone who donated candy & prizes for the Bethany and Holy Ghost Fall Carnival! We could not put on such a great event without you!!!



Jumpstart kids making Food-4-Kids bags for the Needs Council.

Enjoying some Clear River Treats during Jumpstart!!



Faith Foundations Fun!!



Youth Photo Gallery



Kinderpark



Bethany youth and adult volunteers helped with the kids' games and prizes at Kinderpark—Oktoberfest. All money raised went to Bethany Youth activities and trips.

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