

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome all God's people to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve.

Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Bethany. If you have questions for the pastor or church office, please call at 630.879.3444 or visit our website at www.bethanybatavia.org. Welcome!

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand or prefer to sit during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated.

Children's Resources

Children's worship bulletins are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery

While not yet staffed, the nursery is open for parents who may find it helpful. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, where you will find a changing table, rocking chair and some toys. You can still hear the worship service through a speaker in the room. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

Cell Phones and Pagers

Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

Holy Communion

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to the pastor.

Altar Flowers

Perhaps you are interested in providing altar flowers in honor of an occasion or in memory of a loved one? The sign-up sheet and donation envelopes are located on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You may provide one or both bouquets at \$20 each. A check or cash may be turned in to the church office.

As We Gather:

We claim to value people who "tell it like it is," but what we really mean is that we prefer to listen to people who tell us what we want to hear. When someone actually shows up to tell us the truth? No thanks. Yet this is what Jesus, God's living Word, does to and for us. In today's reading from Luke, Jesus doesn't simply tell it like it is. The words spoken by the Word create a new reality. In this reality, it is the poor, hungry, sorrowful, and excluded who are blessed - both in the future and right now. Why? Because Jesus blesses them. Period. Of course, the rich and the full aren't that interested in hearing this truth from Jesus' mouth; it is because of such teaching that Jesus will be killed. It turns out, however, that the hilly terrain of Golgotha is the levelest place of all. It is the place where we are leveled out in death, and raised up to life that is equal in abundance and eternity for all who believe.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee

"Hymn"

Arr. Powell by Villemo Daneling

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P Most merciful God,
- We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

 As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



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APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
 Living God, in Christ you make all things new.
 Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

We sit.

+ Word +

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5–10

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—

who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

The choir sings the Antiphon once; the congregation repeats and joins in singing as indicated.

ANTIPHON:



Happy are they who do not seek to walk the way of those who sin, But delight in the law of the Lord. Happy are they.

ANTIPHON

Like a tree planted near water, there it blooms, like our God, Whose leaves will not fade, but remain. Happy are they.

ANTIPHON

The wicked, the lawless, who, like the chaff; our God, like wind will drive away. God will keep watch for the just. Happy are they.

ANTIPHON

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12–20

[St. Paul writes:] ¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

25"Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska Luke 6:17-26

HYMN OF THE DAY: Canticle of the Turning



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

APOSTLES' CREED

- A Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

- A Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless fruit trees with an abundant harvest. Protect rainforests from destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer (*especially*). God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Renew this congregation in our shared mission. As we plan and dream for the future you are preparing, inspire us by the examples of Martin Luther and all the reformers. Bless new projects and new ministry partnerships. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

- A Christ is raised from the dead, and so we cling to the hope of the resurrection. We praise you for the lives of the saints who lived and died in the hope of eternal life with you (especially). God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

+ MEAL +

We sit.

OFFERING MUSIC: Blest Are They

arr. Mark Hayes

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled.

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill. *Refrain* Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; They shall see God.

Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; The glory of God is theirs. Refrain

Blest are you who suffer hate, All because of me. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; Shine for all to see. *Refrain*

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

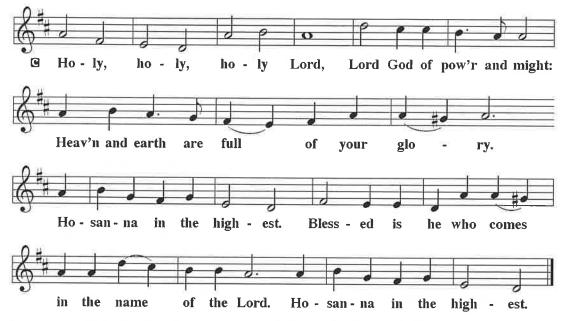
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might. In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his preaching and healing,

his dying and rising,

and his promise to come again,

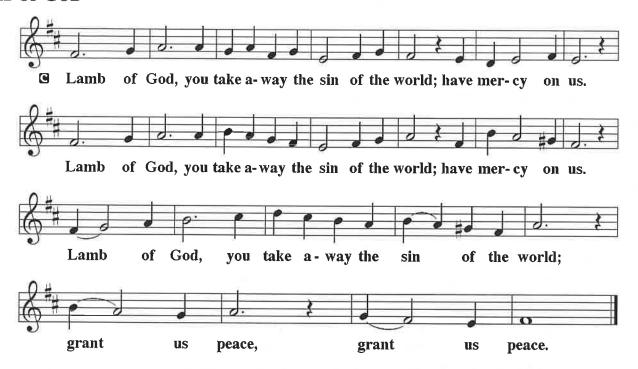
we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

- C Amen.
- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.
- P The gifts of God for the people of God.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P Come, for all is now ready.

LAMB OF GOD



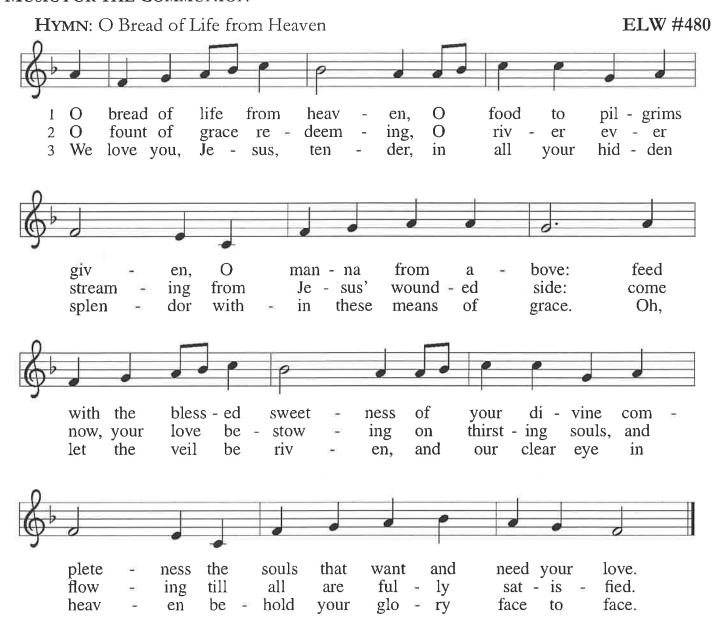
COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

Gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request and for those desiring it, non-alcoholic wine cups are in the center of the tray.

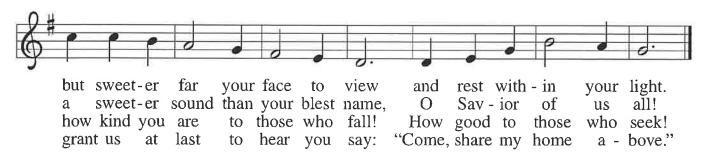


MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION



Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2 Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517





Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878 Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

A Let us pray.

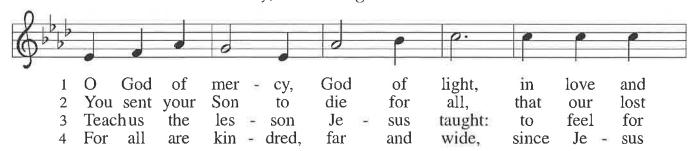
Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

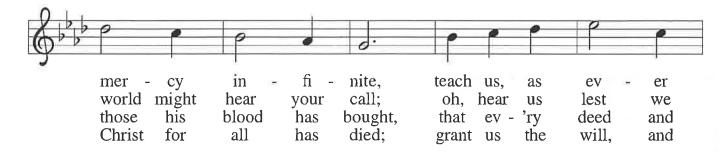
C Amen.

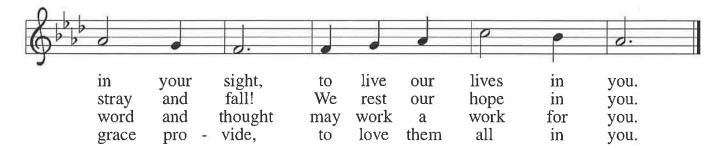
+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.







- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, may we each other's burdens share; may we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you.
- 6 And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love, till you receive in heav'n above all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, alt.

Music: Just as I Am, Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Tune on "St. Theodulph"

by Melchior Teschner Arr. M. Helman

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
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LET US PRAY

We pray for all who are hospitalized in our greater community and for those who are serving them.

Please pray for those who are part of the life of Bethany who struggle with illness and other concerns:

Carlene Altman, Keith Altman, Doug Andrews, Mary Bradtmueller, Bill Dahlman, Rich Franzen, Robert Granquist, Jack Grashorn, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy,

Hershel Pruitt, Louise Pruitt, Judi Spear, Gretchen VanKempema

Please pray for those who are homebound and those in need of a care facility:

Helen Anderson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad Mark Anderson Silverado Memory Care, St Charles Dorothy Carlson Michealsen Health Center, Holmstad

Lois Elfstrom Aurora, IL Pam Klingberg Heritage Woods

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Joan Olson Michealsen Health Center, Holmstad

Pat Quast Asbury Gardens

Judi SpearArden Courts of Geneva, GenevaJoyce StranGreenFields of Geneva, Geneva

Please pray for all those serving in the military, especially those who are connected to our congregation

Please pray for our family and friends:

Margaret Cooper
Loy Williams
Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
Ristick/Ziemer Families
Friends of Kathy Richmond

Steve Novy
Floyd Anderson
Cousin of Bob Novy
Beth Richard's Father

Pastor Paisley LeRoy Pastor at Bethlehem Church, St. Charles

Bill Garrison
Pastor Tim Kohlmeier
Bill Parkhurst
Husband of Debbie Garrison
Brother of Mark Kohlmeier
Friend of Bill and Lynn Drymiller

Barbara Garrison Bill Garrison's mother

Linda Bennett Friends of Ken and Judy Henschler

Paul Mazen

Lynn & Bob Stroh Friends of Jackie Page

Ed Bonnes Cousin of John & Karol Clark
Bonnie Palshis Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm

Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher and family, Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard

Phil Lynn Dreymiller's brother

Kathy Dee's Family

Mary Jo Benstein's Family

Teri Figura

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Susan Sheley Daughter of Hershel and Louise Pruitt

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Carole W. Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
DeAnne & Gary Niece & Nephew of Shirley Grant

Laura Friend of Pastor Jeff Rabbi Margaret Frishklein Friend of Pastor Jeff Brad Blue Friend of Lois Benson

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Tammy English Daughter of Shirley Streidl
Jerry Martin Father of Nicki McVey
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Teri Prokes Sister of Sue & Bob Novy

Tony Prokes Brother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy

Kelli Robertson Daughter of Diane Schalk

Wolfgang Smailus Brother-in-law of Marty Offutt Gruber

Ed Stahl Father of Dan Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Eva Peterson Friend of Bethany Lutheran Church

Darius & Dalia Karalis

Brother in-law and Sister in-law of Mary Karalis

Pauline Carlstedt Nita Chevalier Jeanne Donahue Marilyn Georgeson

Pastor Laura Hall-Schordje Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff and Gail

Walt Meinert Phyllis Soderquist

Dan M. Moore Billy Hutchens' Uncle Sherry Anderson Mother of Beth Richard

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, February 13		
•	Worship	Sanctuary
	The Great Food Giveaway	
	Coffee Hour	
	Sunday School	
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Monday, February 14	Darkana Wallaina Cuasa	Minister Courts Court
	Bethany Walking Group	
	Hope Circle	
/pm	Marketing Team Meeting/Zoom	Fellowship Hall/ via Zoom
Tuesday, February 15		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, February 16		
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	150th Team Meeting	,
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Friday, February 18		
	Bethany Walking Group	,
4pm	BSA Troop 6 - Campout	Gym/Vlahn Room
Saturday, February 19		
	BSA Troop 6 – Campout	Gym/Vlahn Room
	Altar Guild	
	Court Watch	1
	Movie Night	0
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Sunday, February 20		•
	BSA Troop 6 – Campout	Gym/Vlahn Room
	Worship	•
	Coffee Hour	
	Sunday School	1
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