

Pentecost 3 June 18, 2023

# 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 <u>www.bethanybatavia.org</u>. 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 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.

## As We Gather:

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table, we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

# + GATHERING +

## **PRELUDE:** Thanks Be to Thee

Handel

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit...
- C Calm me, O Lord, as You stilled the storm. Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm. Let all the tumult within me cease. Enfold me, Lord, in Your peace. Amen. (adapted from the Felgild Compune in "Celtic Daily Prayer")
- P Almighty God, Creator of all things, you look deep into our hearts and beckon our souls. In the mystery of your holy presence in our daily lives, change us that we may be reflections of your perfect love and amazing grace. We pray 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 sin, 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,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
  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.

GATHERING HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

## 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: Salvation Belongs to Our God



**G** Sal- va- tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

## C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

God of compassion, you have shown us how to be ambassadors of your love. Pour thislove and hope into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### C Amen.

We sit.

## + Word +

## FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2–8a

[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

 $^7$ So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him.  $^{8a}$ The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

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

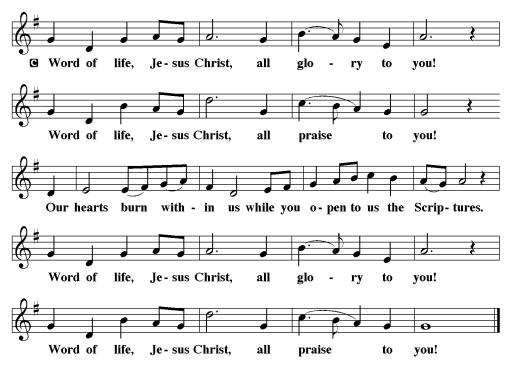
## SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

[St. Paul writes:] Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

We stand. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



#### HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:25-10:23

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>8</sup>Cure the

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sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. <sup>9</sup>Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup>no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup>Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

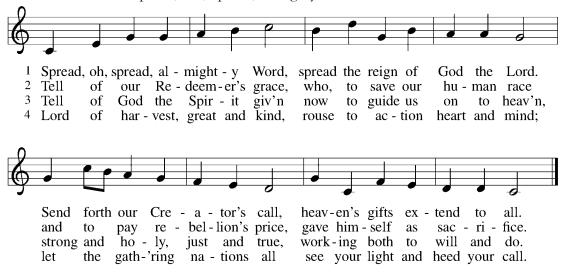
P The Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to you, O Christ.** *We sit.* 

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska Matthew 9:25—10:23

*We stand.* **HYMN OF THE DAY**: Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word



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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

- P 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 Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

## A brief silence.

A For the church here and around the world, we pray. Seek out disciples and send them out with authority to proclaim good news, bring healing where there is pain, and counter the forces of evil. God, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

A For the earth and all its creatures, we pray. Equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labor on the land to produce a harvest. Nourish crops with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Restore lands ruined by pollution or misuse. God, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

A For those who govern, we pray. Empower those who seek peaceful solutions to conflict and embolden those who advocate for all who are oppressed. Work through systems of government to establish justice throughout the world. God, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

A For those who suffer, we pray. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. Heal those who are sick. God, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

A For fathers and father figures, we pray. Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers, anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child. Draw near to all for whom this day stirs up difficult emotions. God, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

- A For all the saints, we give thanks. Receive into your eternal care all those who have died and fill us with hope that does not disappoint. God, in your mercy,
- 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 +

## PEACE OF CHRIST

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

# We sit. **OFFERING VOLUNTARY:** Simple Gifts

### We stand.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- A Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,
- C the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and 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. Who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Creating God and Loving Lord,

The heavens and the earth reflect your majesty.

The dawning of each new day brings with it the promise of new life.

Every sunrise carries the hope of grace.

Every summer rain calls forth new growth.

Every sunset beckons peace into our world.

Every night the stars and celestial bodies show off the brilliance of your artistic creativity.

And every time we gather for this meal, the human family is brought together across all times and places.

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.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith

as he comes to us in his holy supper.

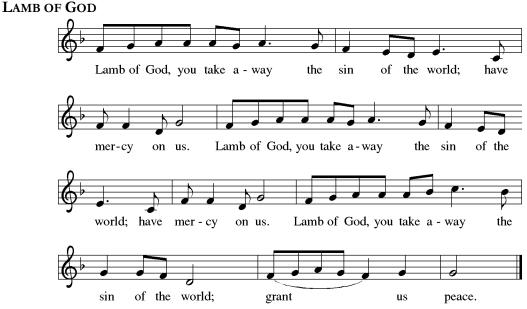
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
   Give us this day our daily bread;

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 These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P All are welcome at the Lord's table. Come, for all is now ready.

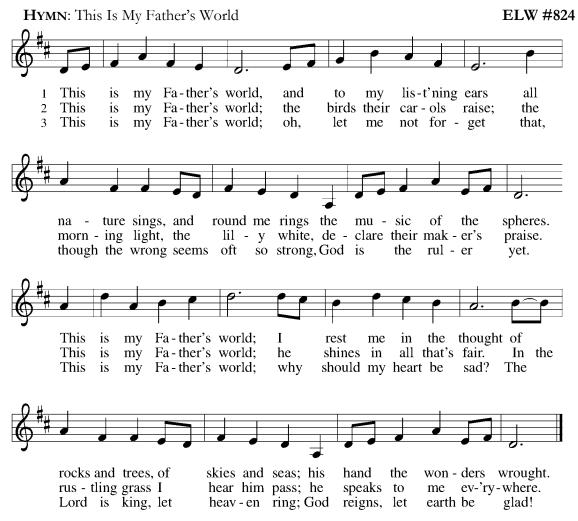
## We sit.



### COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to his banquet meal. 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: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901 Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

HYMN: O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007 Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833 Text © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc. 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638 www.giamusic.com 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission. ELW #722

## We stand.

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

# + SENDING +

## BENEDICTION

P The eternal Creator calls us.

The risen Savior sends us.

The dynamic Spirit empowers us.

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



#### DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Piano Variations on "Llansannan" – A Welsh Tune

Alan F. Spear

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister Doug Boehm, Assisting Minister Alan Spear, Organist Leonard Wray, Reader Ryan Pieratt, A/V Jackie Page, Julie Howard, Altar Guild Sebastian Bond, Danny Durbin, Acolytes Jon Habegger, Usher Doug Boehm, Ann Holch, Tara Shannon, Comm. Asst's

#### STAFF

Jeffrey Mikyska, Senior Pastor Mark Waldron, Director of Music Alan Spear, Organist Darlene Hutchens, Church Administrator Susan Jarocki, Administrative Assistant Emma Hess, Youth Director Ed McQuillan, Financial Secretary

### YOUR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Todd Toles, President Alan Spear, Vice President Doug Boehm, Secretary Steve Mickelson, Treasurer Karol Clark Aidan Garrity

Brad Hirt Pastor Jeff Mikyska Jackie Page Kathy Richmond Mia Rusev Marsha Schuster

If you have questions or concerns for members of the Church Council you're invited to speak with them personally or via email to <u>council@bethanybatavia.org</u>.

Bethany's Vision: We are a Grace-based, people-powered, refuge for all.

**Code of Conduct:** At Bethany, we believe everyone should live a faithful life in service with charity, kindness and integrity, and treat others with respect and understanding, act responsibly, and serve as an example of Christian faith in action.

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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:

Mary Bradtmueller, John Bristow, Diane Garland, Debbie Garrison, **Shirley Grant**, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, JoAnn Sargent, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan, **Brigitte Winkler** 

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

Mark Anderson	Silverado Memory Care, St Charles	
Lois Elfstrom	Aurora, IL	
Dolores Hoffman	Heritage Woods	
Bill Keele	Heritage Woods	
Pam Klingberg	Heritage Woods	
Wanda Krentz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad	
Mildred Miller	Reserve of Geneva, Geneva	
Rhonda Nelson	Batavia, IL	
Joan Olson	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad	
Pat Quast	Asbury Gardens	
Jay & Carol Wierz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad	

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

#### Please pray for our family and friends:

Mary Lawrence	Sister-in-Law of Carole Benson	
Steven & Janice Brown & Grace	Friends of Tom & Dee Schuman	
Lee Peterson	Friend of Dottie White	
Loda George Ricker	Friend of Fred & Ann Holch	
Calvin, Diane & Family	Friends of Kathy Richmond	
Tim Henschler	Son of Ken & Judy Henschler	
Vicki Johnson	Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk	
Christine Smith	On the passing of her brother, Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska	
Katie Taylor	Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler	
Jane Wirth	Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler	
Michelle Hartzell	Friend of Beth Richard	
Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA (fire)		
Andrea Hensley	Colleague of Emma Hess	
Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry		
Rick Gaston	Friend of Ann Holch	
Bob Gustafson	Husband of Cindy Gustafson/Father to Nate Gustafson & Janna	
Stahl		
Jeff Hall	Colleague of Emma Hess	
Bonnie & Jim Hines	Parents of Suzanne Grashorn	
Tina Motter	Sister of Jackie Page	
Mary Hughs	Sister of Jackie Page	
Dottie	Friend of Paulette Smigo	
Diane Sharp	Friend of Ed Schalk	
Lizzie Bork	Friend of Julie Howard	
Nancy	Sister of Karol Clark	
Jeffrey Campbell	Nephew of Nan Phillips	
Kate and Family	Friend of John & Karol Clark	

Damon Schultz Sue S. Nicole Alice Hendrikson Maureen Scollon Pam Paszotta Chris Sidler Lisa Lynn Krambeer Stoddard Heather Gretchen VanKempema Ryan Anderson Linda Raish Vic and Anne Lee Lynne Morrow Kenzie Floyd Anderson Paul Mazen Bonnie Palshis Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher & family, Phil Kathy Dee's Family Mary Jo Benstein's Family Susan Sheley Bonnie Carole W. Brad Blue Diane Ekstam Johnson Tammy English Jerry Martin Teri Prokes Tony Prokes Kelli Robertson Wolfgang Smailus Ed Stahl

#### Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Emily White & Family Lindy Wagner & Family Nancy Armstrong Lawrence Forsell Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone Friend of Bob & Sue Novy Friend of Linda Sullivan Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymiller Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White Sister of Tom & Dee Schuman Friend of Luke & Diane Land Friend of Beth Richard Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska Friend of Schuman Family Daughter of Ann Holch Son of Aaron Anderson Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn Friends of Debbie Garrison Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail Friend of Katie Robertson Beth Richard's Father

Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard Lynn Dreymiller's brother Teri Figura Teri Figura Daughter of Louise Pruitt Friend of Pastor Jeff Friend of Ann & Fred Holch Friend of Lois Benson Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam Daughter of Shirley Streidl Father of Nicki McVey Sister of Sue & Bob Novy Brother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy Daughter of Diane Schalk Brother-in-law of Marty Offutt Gruber Father of Dan Stahl

Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska Friend of Alan Spear Former Bethany Member

#### THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

#### Sunday, June 18

Sunday, June 18	W/	S
2:15pm	Bethany Church – Game Softball League	Peck Farm Field $#3$
Monday, June 19		
	Bethany Walking Group	
	Counters	
12:30pm		Conference Room
	Troop 6 Leaders	
Tuesday, June 20	-	
5.5	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Quilters	, , ,
	Executive Team	
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Wednesday, June 21		
	Bethany Walking Group	
	Organ Rehearsal – Holly Herber	
	Music/Worship Committee	
7pm	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
Thursday, June 22		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Vlahn Room/Gym
7pm	Viljan Lodge	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
Friday, June 23		
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Fox Valley Court Watch	
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Sunday, June 25		
	Coffee Hour	
	Bethany Church – Game Softball League	
4:30pm	Hesed House Serving	Hesed House
	Family Emergency Shelter	