BETHANY Lutheran Church The Holy Communion The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022

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.

As We Gather:

What does it mean to be a disciple? Today's texts answer this question in various ways. Elisha was given the burdensome mantle of Elijah. Up until this point he'd simply been a student of the great prophet. Because it was an immense responsibility, Elisha asked his master for a double portion of his spirit and was given it. God generously provided for Elisha so that he could faithfully continue Elijah's work. In the gospel, Jesus faces more resistance from those he's called. People conjure up all sorts of excuses why they can't start right away, but Jesus will have none of it. He's calling and he wants a straight answer now. These passages are difficult. They show how much God is demanding of those who wish to follow. Those called are asked to give everything. No wonder there is resistance. Yet, they also remind us that the Spirit will support our work and, in turn, give us everything to enable us to answer the call.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE:

Plein Chant

Plein Jeu

Couperin

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.



- Lead on, O King e ter nal! The day of march has come; Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
- 3 Lead on, O King e = ter = nal: we fol low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home. and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace; for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap = pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra tion your grace has made us strong; not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums, Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in light;



and now, O King e ter - nal, lift bat - tle we our song. but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n-ly king - dom comes. the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, 0 God might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
 Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts,
 you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom.
 Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son,
 that, leaving behind all that hinders us,
 we may steadfastly follow your paths,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

+ Word +

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–21

Then the LORD said to [Elijah], "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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



- L Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- C All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.
- L But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
- C Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- L O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
- C My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- L I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.
- C I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.
- L My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.
- C For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.
- L You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am

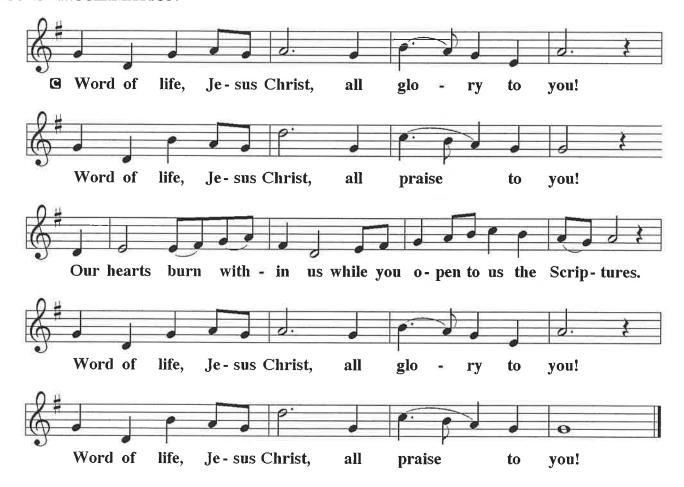
warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

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

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska Luke 9:51–62

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lead Me, Guide Me

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1) I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power To help me over my weakest hour; Let me through the darkness Thy face to see, Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray; Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

2) Help me tread in the paths of righteousness; Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress. I am putting all my trust in Thee, Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain] 3) I am lost, if you take your hand from me; I am blind, without Thy Light to see; Lord, just always let me Thy servant be, Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

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,

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 United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

- A God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict (*especially*). God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

- A God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying (*especially*). Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. 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 VOLUNTARY: Fugue sur les Jeux d'Anches

Couperin

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

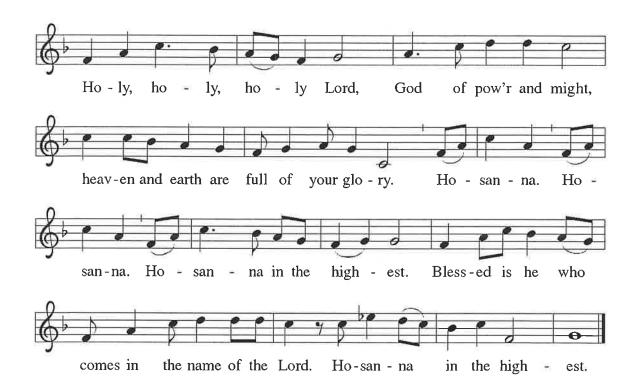
- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

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 The gifts of God for the people of God.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

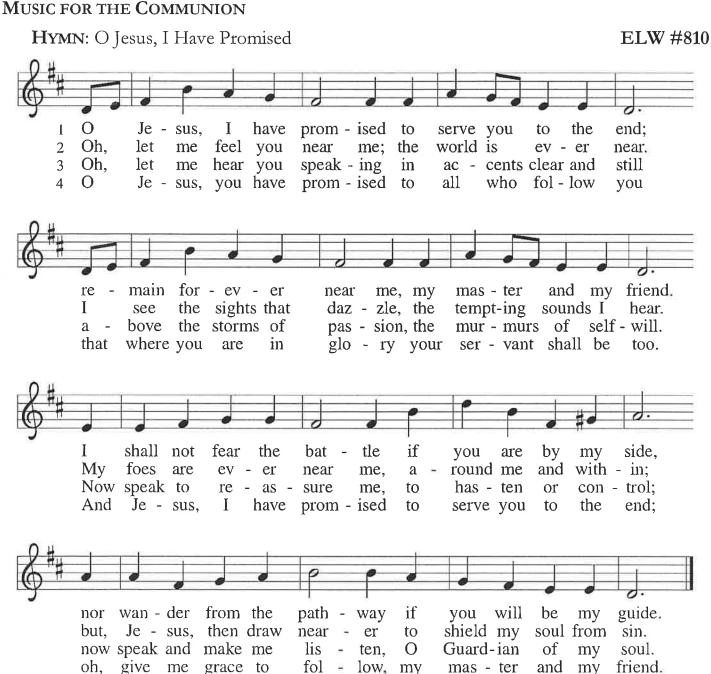
LAMB OF GOD



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.



Text: John E. Bode. 1816-1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693



We stand.

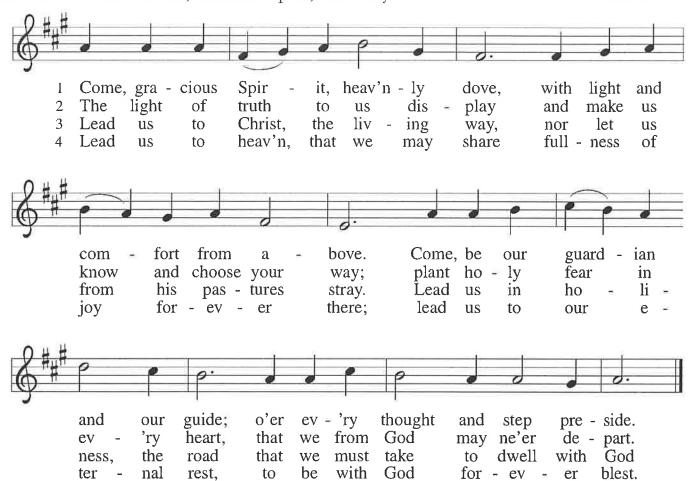
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

- 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 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.



Text: Simon Browne, 1680-1732, alt.

Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINES, German folk tune, 15th cent-

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Benedictus

Couperin

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Mark Waldron, Assisting Minister
Alan Spear, Organist
Mark Waldron, Reader
Dale Howard, Ryan Howard, A/V
Jackie Page, Karol Clark, Altar Guild
Nora Storaasli, Laina Ariola, Acolytes
Jon Habegger, Bill Dreymiller, Ushers
Mark Waldron, JoAnn Sargent, Debbie Garrison,
Comm. Ass't

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Alan Spear, Organist
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JULY 2022 ANNIVERSARIES

1	Lee & Sue Christensen	19	Fred & Ann Holch
1	Bruce & Danise Simmons	19	Don & Connie Reinhard
2	Jim & Cheri Sager	22	Chris & Jenny Powell
3	Ed & Diane Schalk	24	Dale & Julie Howard
9	Greg & Cindy Goro	24	Nick & Becky Klitzkie
10	Roger & Norma Pieratt	27	Matt & Katie Haug
13	Matt & Tracy Mathisen	30	Ed & Kari McQuillan
14	Pete & Shanna Piccony		•

JULY 2022 BIRTHDAYS

1	Sydney Shepherd	15	Cal Shannon
2	Cindy Goro	17	Beth Crowley
2	Thomas Gruber	20	Lynn Pfau
2	Talene Larsen	21	Annaka McQuillan
3	John Higgins	22	Christine Klein
3	Adeline Powell	23	Adam Goro
4	Mr Colella	24	Rich Franzen
4	Trevor Mathisen	25	Hannah Lingle
7	Savannah Bristow	26	Brittany Gyoerkoes
8	Karen Bunting	26	Missy Larson
8	Bob Granquist	26	Lois Norberg-Bristow
9	Alyssa Dalicandro	27	Tom Schuman
10	Carson Bunting	27	Carleigh Shannon
11	Alice Deller	28	Evelyn Lopez
11	Kaitlyn Smigo	30	Adele Grashorn
12	Collette Birkeneder	30	Werner Rader
15	Ashley Grashorn	31	Fiona Garrity
15	Leslie Ingold	31	Connie Reinhard
15	Bianca Johnston	31	Nate Rusev

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, Ralph Beck, Mary Bradtmueller, Rich Franzen, Robert Granquist, Ellen Grashorn, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Val Schalk, Maureen Scollon, Judi Spear, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan, Pastor Jerry Wagenknecht

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
Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Lois Elfstrom Aurora, IL
Pam Klingberg Heritage Woods

Wanda Krentz Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad Mildred Miller Reserve of Geneva, Geneva

Joan Olson Michaelsen 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:

Lynne Morrow Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Terry Most Brother-in-Law of Fred Holch Kenzie Friend of Katie Robertson

Rebecca and family

Josh Braun

God-Daughter of Beth Lawniczak

Nephew of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Landri Pazzotta Great Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman

Bill Norman

Cousin of Judy Henschler

Kate

Friend of Karol Clark

Gary Piccony

Peter Piccony's Father

Loy Williams

Friend of Ann & Fred Holch

Steve Novy
Floyd Anderson
Barbara Garrison
Cousin of Bob Novy
Beth Richard's Father
Bill Garrison's mother

Paul Mazen

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 Louise Pruitt Bonnie Friend of Pastor Jeff

Carole W. Friend of Ann & Fred Holch

DeAnne & Gary

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein

Brad Blue

Megan Campbell

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:

Bob Neavins Bill VanSanten

Dan

Mickey Waldron Hubert Maxa, Sr. Scott Snively Niece & Nephew of Shirley Grant

Friend of Pastor Jeff Friend of Lois Benson

Granddaughter of Scotty & Maureen Scollon

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

Father of Becky Klitzkie
Former Member of Bethany and Friend of
Norm and Nancy Freedlund

Friend of Ed Schalk Father of Mark Waldron Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

11:30am 12pm 2:30pm 4:30pm	WorshipWorship/Congregational PicnicNoteworthy Acoustic ConcertHesed House PreparationHesed House Serving Family Emergency ShelterHesed House Serving	. Fabyan Forest Preserve . Fellowship Hall . Kitchen . Hesed House
6:30pm	Bethany Walking Group Fox Valley Beekeepers Assn	. Fellowship Hall
9am	Bethany Walking Group Quilters Prayer Shawl Ministry	. Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, June 29 8:30	Bethany Walking Group	. Ministry Center Gym
	Bethany Walking Group Boy Scout Troop 6	
Friday, July 1 OFFICE CLOSED 8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	. Ministry Center Gym
10:30am	Men's Basketball Al-AnonAl-Ateen Al-At	. Library . Lower Level
Sunday, July 3	Worship Coffee Hour	. Sanctuary