

Pentecost 5 July 2, 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 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 scated.

Children's Resources

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

Nursery

While not 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.

Flowers

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Ed and Diane Schalk in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.

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:

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Lift Up a Living Nation Variations on America

Chesterton on a Welsh Tune Alan F. Spear

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A land acknowledgment is a traditional custom in many Native communities and nations to show respect to the people of the land since time immemorial. The importance of land acknowledgments for non-indigenous individuals and communities relies on the recognition of their relationship to the original inhabitants of a location and its land. Furthermore, it is a way to show respect and gratitude to the traditional stewards of a specific location.
- P As we begin worship today, we take a moment to recognize and remember the Native brothers and sisters who are the first peoples of these lands. The Potawatomi people inhabited this area for several centuries. We honor their presence here, and thank God for their work, play, and stewardship of this land in the past. Most of all, we pray for our Potawatomi brothers and sisters today.
- P Creator God, we thank you for the diversity of us, your children, in the world...both past and present. We especially remember before you today the Potawatomi people who inhabited these lands before us.
- C We recognize the stewardship and blessing of those who cared for these lands we now inhabit.
- P Forgive us, those of us who are immigrants to and settlers in this country, for so often forgetting that we are guests of the First Nations people of North America.
- C Please help us to live on these lands with respect.
- P We pray for the Potawatomi people today.
- C Creator, hear our prayers.
- P May they have unity in their tribe.
- C Creator, hear our prayers.

- P May their remaining sacred lands be honored and protected.
- C Creator, hear our prayers.
- P May you bless their efforts to revitalize their language and their culture.
- C Creator, hear our prayers.
- P May we and all the people who live in and visit these lands remember that we are always guests to You, O Lord, and to those who have come before us.
- C Creator, hear our prayers.
- P May all the Potawatomi people experience Your grace and love.
- C Creator, hear our prayers.
- O Lord, Creator of every tribe, nation and tongue, may you richly bless the Potawatomi people, and all the First Nations peoples of North America. Amen.



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.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

HYMN: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW #888



- 1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
- 2 O beau-ti-ful for he roes proved in lib er at ing strife,
- 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa triot dream that sees be-yond the years



for pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit-ed plain: who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer - cy more than life: thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee, A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re = fine,

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea. till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-'ry gain di-vine. con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law.

LITANY FOR THE FOUR DIRECTIONS

- Let us give thanks for the east, for the ancient hills and valleys and streams without end, for the green Atlantic from the reaches of Maine to the Florida keys, for larch and hemlock, for black bear and mountain trout, for cardinals and eastern bluebirds, for heat in the hayfields of late August.
- C We bless you, O God, for the east.
- Let us give thanks for the west, for soaring mountains and searing deserts, for waters roaring into the Pacific Ocean, for Columbia River salmon, snow buntings and western meadowlarks, for ponderosa and large pines, for the mists of the Oregon coast and for the Olympic Peninsula.
- C We bless you, O God, for the west.
- Let us give thanks for the north, for the bright band of prairie and wheatfields stretching across the land, for the hawk and the loon, for the badlands of the Dakotas and the lakes of Minnesota, for northern pike, for endless starry skies.
- C We bless you, O God, for the north.
- Let us give thanks for the south, for the broad Mississippi Delta and the great Smokey Mountains, for the bayous of Louisiana, for magnolia trees, for the kiskadee and egret, for catfish and parrotfish and for the cotton and the colors on the sands and strands of the southland.
- C We bless you, O God, for the south.

Written by Jay C. Rochelle, 1990

+ Word +

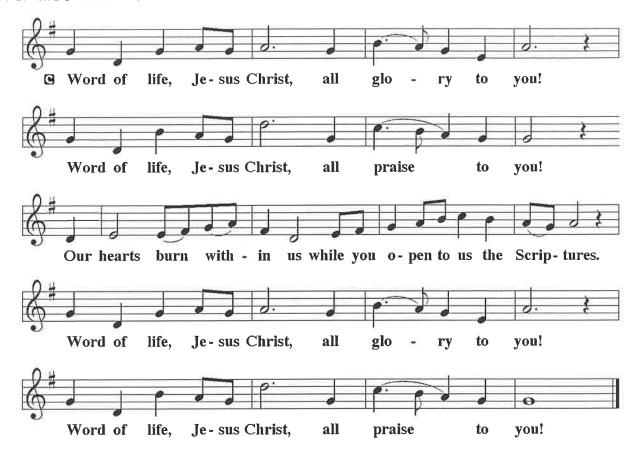
READING: Romans 6:12-14

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska Matthew 10:40–42



- 1 Let us ev er walk with Je sus, fol low his ex am ple pure,
- 2 Let us suf fer here with Je sus, and with pa-tience bear our cross.
- 3 Let us glad ly die with Je sus. Since by death he con-quered death,
- 4 Let us al so live with Je sus. He has ris en from the dead



through a world that would de-ceive us and to our spir-its lure. sin will fol - low all our sad-ness; where he is there is no loss. us from de-struc-tion, give to he will free us im - mor - tal breath. that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head.



On - ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove, Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy: Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin; we are your own liv - ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, all dis-com-forts that an - noy and the grave that shuts us in in your pres-ence con-stant-ly,

let us do our Sav-ior's bid-ding. shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. shall but prove the gate of heav-en. liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



be;

Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; Je - sus, here I share your woe; Je - sus, here with you I die,

me faith - ful

Je - sus, let

I shall fol - low where you guide. help me there your joy to know. there to live with you on high. life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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

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

 A brief silence.
- L We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L We pray for creation. For all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L We pray for this nation and all nations. For presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill. For any near death and for all who grieve. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- L We give thanks for all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. 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: Reflection on "Eternal Father"

Alan F. Spear

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 Lct 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;

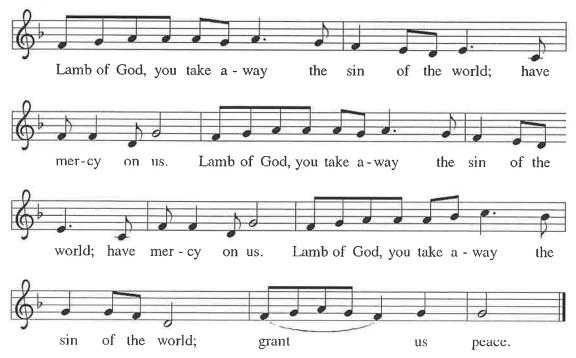
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

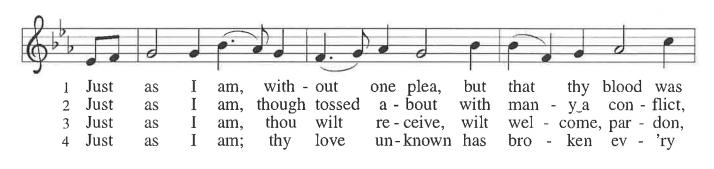
Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to his banquet meal. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

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

HYMN: Just As I Am, without One Plea

ELW #592









ELW #686



- We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
- 2 May we thy boun ties thus as stew ards true re ceive,
- The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring, be - lieve And word, though dim we thy our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. and glad = lv, as thou bless-est us. to thee our first-fruits give. teach the life and peace—it way of a Christ-like is thing. what-e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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



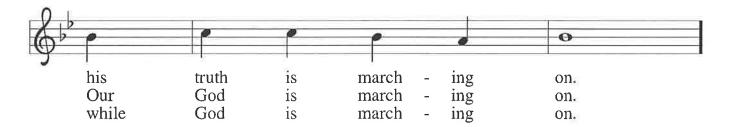
- 1 Mine eyes have seen the glo ry of the com ing of the Lord;
- 2 He has sound ed forth the trum pet that shall nev er call re-treat;
- 3 In the beau ty of the lil ies Christ was born a cross the sea,



he is tram-pling out the vin-tage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he is sift-ing out the hearts of men be-fore his judg-ment seat. with a glo-ry in his bos-om that trans-fig-ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword: Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi-lant, my feet! As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,





Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march-ing on.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: God of Our Fathers

G. Warren



LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Doug Boehm, Worship Leader
Alan Spear, Organist
Ann Holch, Reader
Todd Toles, A/V
Dorothy Thorsen, Karol Clark, Altar Guild
Grace Rusev, Ash Herman, Acolytes
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Bill Dreymiller,
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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

Lois Elfstrom

Dolores Hoffman

Bill Keele

Pam Klingberg

Wanda Krentz

Mildred Miller

Rhonda Nelson

Joan Olson

Pat Quast

Jay & Carol Wierz

Silverado Memory Care, St Charles

Aurora, IL

Heritage Woods

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Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

Reserve of Geneva, Geneva

Batavia, IL

Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Asbury Gardens

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:

Sarah McCarthy

Mary Lawrence

Steven & Janice Brown & Grace

Lee Peterson

Loda George Ricker

Calvin, Diane & Family

Vicki Johnson

Christine Smith

Katie Taylor

Jane Wirth

Michelle Hartzell

Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA (fire)

Andrea Hensley

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry

Rick Gaston

Bob Gustafson

Stahl

Jeff Hall

Bonnie & Jim Hines

Tina Motter

Mary Hughs

Dottie

Diane Sharp

Lizzie Bork

Nancy

Jeffrey Campbell

Kate and Family

Damon Schultz

Sue S.

Friend of Jan Bristow & Kathy Richmond

Sister-in-Law of Carole Benson

Friends of Tom & Dee Schuman

Friend of Dottie White

Friend of Fred & Ann Holch

Friends of Kathy Richmond

Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk

On the passing of her brother, Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler

Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler

Friend of Beth Richard

Colleague of Emma Hess

Friend of Ann Holch

Husband of Cindy Gustafson/Father to Nate Gustafson & Janna

Colleague of Emma Hess

Parents of Suzanne Grashorn

Sister of Jackie Page

Sister of Jackie Page

Friend of Paulette Smigo

Friend of Ed Schalk

Friend of Julie Howard

Sister of Karol Clark

Nephew of Nan Phillips

Friend of John & Karol Clark

Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone

Friend of Bob & Sue Novy

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

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Tammy English
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Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Kelli Robertson
Wolfgang Smailus

Ed Stahl

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

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Emily White & Family

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, July 2 9am	.Worship	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
Monday, July 3 8:30am	.Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	.Bethany Walking Group .Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry .DV Support Group .Girls BSA Troop 606	Fellowship Hall Youth Room
Wednesday, July 5 8:30am	.Bethany Walking Group .Organ Rehearsal – Holly Herber	Ministry Center Gym Sanctuary
Thursday, July 6 8:30am	Bethany Walking GroupBoy Scout Troop 6	Ministry Center Gym Vlahn Room/Gym
Friday, July 7 8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
10am	.Al-Anon .Al-Ateen	Lower Level
10am	.Worship Coffee Hour .VBS Volunteer Meeting .Bethany – Softball League Game	Fellowship Hall Conference Room