BETHANY Lutheran Church

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 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 Roger and Norma Picratt in celebration of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary.

Coffee Hour

Thank you to the ladies of Altar Guild for hosting Coffee Hour after service today in Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

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 mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE:

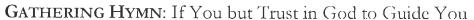
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all Creation.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P To you, O God,
- all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.
- P By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth, and through the death and resurrection of + Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. May the God of mercy and might strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal grace.
- C Amen.



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God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move. took for will bring you you cross safe through ev - 'ry loss. a knows ver - y cho - sen us by grace, well the fears we face. con - fi - dence God nev - er in - deed: fails in time of need.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- 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.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

+ Word +

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

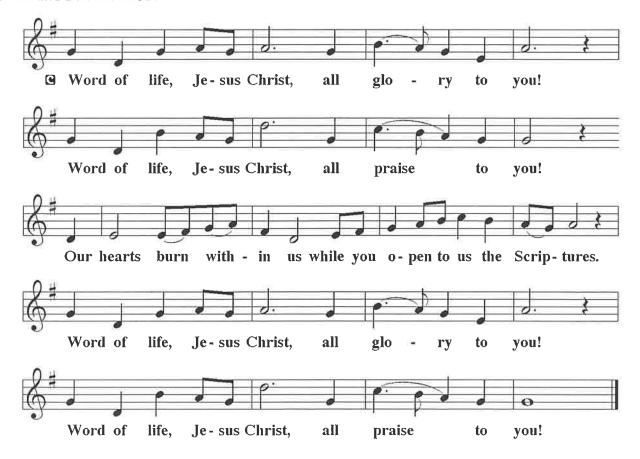
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²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

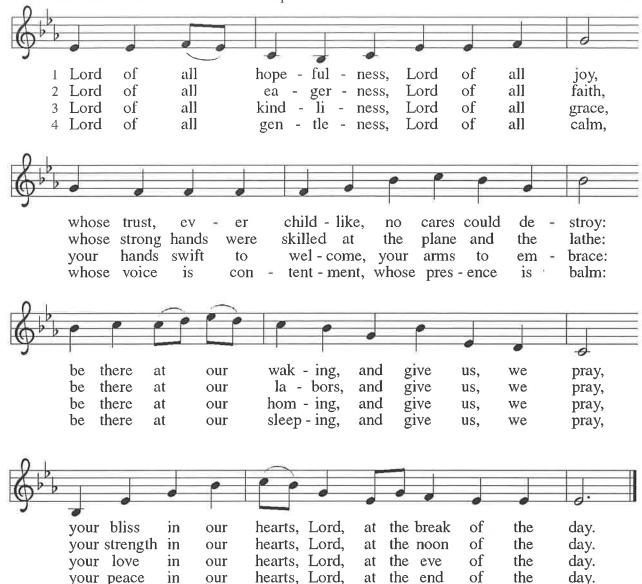
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord of All Hopefulness



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 Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- L God of the covenant, you call ministers to proclaim your gospel of grace throughout the world. Inspire pastors, deacons, church musicians, and all ministers of your word as they carry out your work. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L God of all creation, you reveal your goodness through all you have made: rivers and seas, plants and animals, and endangered species. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, botanical gardens, zoos, and wildlife sanctuaries. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L God of the nations, you desire that all the peoples of the world live in peace. Guide government leaders at all levels—national, state/province, and local—to work for justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L God of compassion, you bring healing to those who are sick, consolation to those who are grieving, and well-being to those who are distraught. Send skilled caregivers to all in need and make your presence known among all who suffer. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L God of rejoicing, you have brought us together this day to worship around word and sacrament. Encourage children in their learning and growing, and watch over those who are absent today. Lead us all to places of renewal and refreshment. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L God of all faithfulness, through the witness of the faithful departed you reveal love in action. Embolden us by their example to build up the beloved community in all the contexts we encounter. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- 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:

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- L 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,

wind 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;

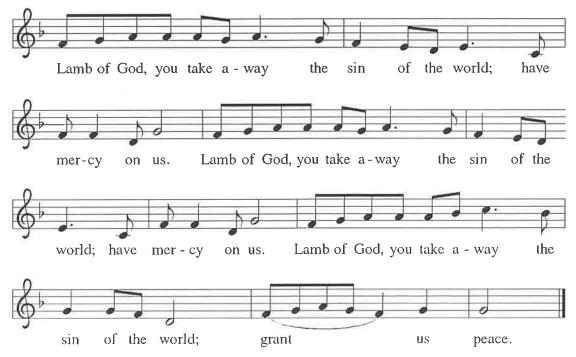
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

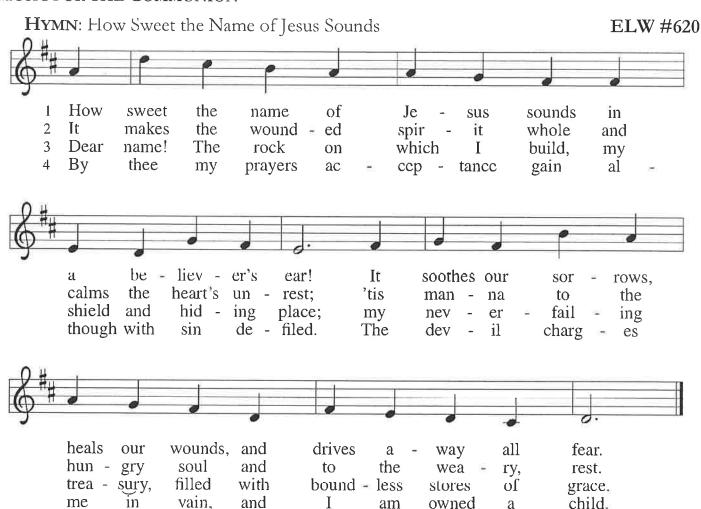


COMMUNION

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



- 5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my prophet, priest, and king, my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.
- 6 How weak the effort of my heart, how cold my warmest thought; but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 7 Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath; and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death!



- 1 What a friend we have in Je sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp ta tions? Is there trou-ble an y where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad en, cum bered with a load of care?



What a priv-i-lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged—take it to the Lord in prayer. Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref-uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share? Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer! Je - sus knows our ev-'ry weak-ness—take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

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

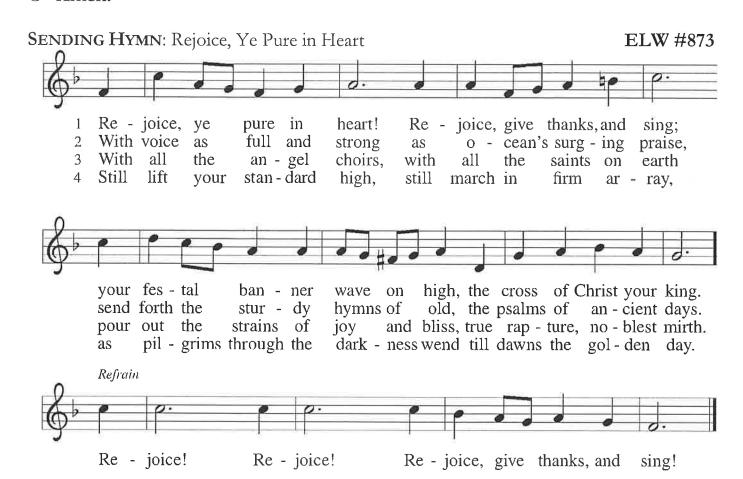
P The eternal Creator calls us.

The risen Savior sends us.

The dynamic Spirit empowers us.

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

C Amen.



- 5 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore: the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE:

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister Steve Mickelson, Worship Leader Richard Trost, Pianist Pastor Steve Ritter, Reader Dale Howard, Ryan Pieratt, Λ/V Jan Bristow, Kathy Richmond, Altar Guild Abbigail Harmon, Jackson Carter, Acolytes Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Virden VonQualen, Ushers

Steve Mickelson, Tara Shannon, Linda Sullivan, Comm. Asst's

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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, 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:

Pat Quast Asbury Gardens

Mark Anderson Silverado Memory Care, St Charles

Lois ElfstromAurora, ILDolores HoffmanHeritage WoodsBill KeeleHeritage WoodsPam KlingbergHeritage Woods

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

Rhonda Nelson Batavia, IL

Joan Olson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

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:

Maggie Prokes Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Tracy Clark Sister of Tara Shannon

Joe V.Neighbor of Bob & Kathi GorlewskiSarah McCarthyFriend of Jan Bristow & Kathy Richmond

Mary Lawrence Sister-in-Law of Carole Benson
Steven & Janice Brown & Grace Friends of Tom & Dee Schuman

Lee PetersonFriend of Dottie WhiteLoda George RickerFriend of Fred & Ann HolchCalvin, Diane & FamilyFriends of Kathy RichmondVicki JohnsonSister-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

Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler

Friend of Beth Richard

Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA (fire)

Andrea Hensley

Michelle Hartzell

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry

Rick Gaston Bob Gustafson

Stahl Jeff Hall

Jane Wirth

Bonnie & Jim Hines

Tina Motter Mary Hughs Dottie Diane Sharp Lizzie Bork 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 Nancy

Jeffrey Campbell Kate and Family Damon Schultz

Sue S. Nicole

Alice Hendrikson Maureen Scollon Pam Paszotta Chris Sidler

Lisa

Lynn Krambeer Stoddard

I-leather

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

Linda Thorson

Ed Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Sister of Karol Clark Nephew of Nan Phillips Friend of John & Karol Clark 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 Bob & Sue Novy

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, July 9		
9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	VBS Volunteer Meeting	Fellowship I Iall
1pm	Bethany – Softball League Game	Peck Farm Field #3
Monday, July 10		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	Fellowship Hall/Library/Gym
	Counters	
12pm	Hope Circle	Adult Lounge/Library
	Staff Meeting	
7pm	Marketing Team/Zoom	Fellowship Hall/Zoom
Tuesday, July 11		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	Fellowship Hall/Library/Gym
9am	Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall
10am	Property Committee	Conference Room
5:30pm	Executive Team	Conference Room
6:30pm	DV Support Group	Youth Room/Courtyard
6:30pm	Girls BSA Troop 606	Vlahn Room/Gym
7pm	Fox River Radio League	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, July 12		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	Fellowship Hall/Library/Gym
10am	Senior Advocacy Group	Library
1pm	Organ Rehearsal – Holly Herber	Sanctuary
Thursday, July 13		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	Fellowship Hall/Library/Gym
6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Vlahn Room/Gym
Friday, July 14		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	Fellowship Hall/Library/Gym
	Food Pantry Serving	
Saturday, July 15		
10am	Al-Anon	Library
	Al-Ateen	
8pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, July 16		
9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
1pm	Bethany – Softball League Game	Peck Farm Field #3