BETHANY Lutheran Church

The Holy Communion The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 28, 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 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.

Coffee Hour

Thank you to the Bus Driver's 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 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:

In the gospel reading Jesus takes the time to pass on some ancient-yet-prudent wisdom from the proverbs of Solomon to a crowd of social climbers who obviously were not familiar with such prudence or wisdom. More significantly Jesus lifts up the mysteriously gracious and life-transforming values of the kingdom of God. Jesus lifts up the humility required to take the lowest seat at the table, never hoping to be invited to a place of greater honor or status. Jesus invites his followers to practice the hospitality that offers a banquet of the finest of foods for people who cannot repay. Jesus invites his followers to embody the kind of radical-yet-relational love of Jesus himself. This radical love is taught by both individuals and congregations. Communities of faith by their practices of generosity and compassion embody the love of Jesus in their communities.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Music of the Baroque for Harpsichord

arr. S. Drummond Wolff

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.
- L Hear the good news!
 God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
 In the name of ₱ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
 You are free to love as God loves.
- C Amen.



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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: 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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6–7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;

7for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

PSALM 112

Spoken Responsively

- L Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments!
- C Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- L Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
- C Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- L It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
- C For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

- L They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- C Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- L They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.
- C The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

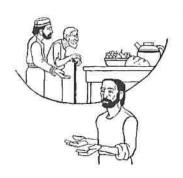
"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

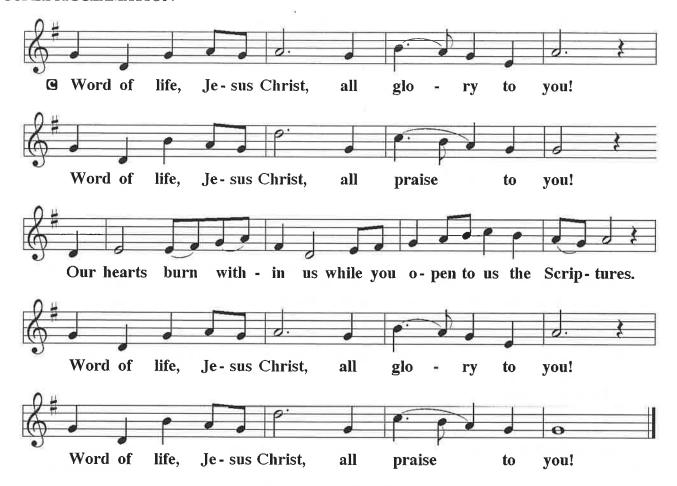
What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

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¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska Luke 14:1, 7–14

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: As We Gather at Your Table

ELW #522



- 1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in to wit-ness in the sac ra ment of life;
- 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own; Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave; There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known. may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save. as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

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

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

 A brief silence.
- A For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people (*national*, *synodical*, *and local leaders may be named*). Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts (*local places may be named*). Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving (especially). Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God,

- C receive our prayer.
- A For all the saints who confessed God's name (especially Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, and Moses the Black), we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Merciful God,
- C receive 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: As We Gather at Your Table

David Cherwein

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.

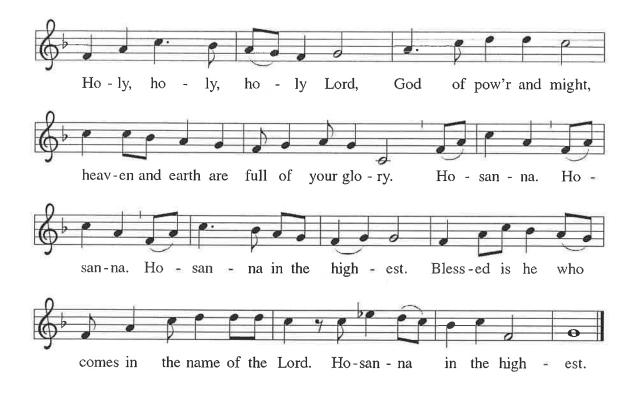
GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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:
- 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;

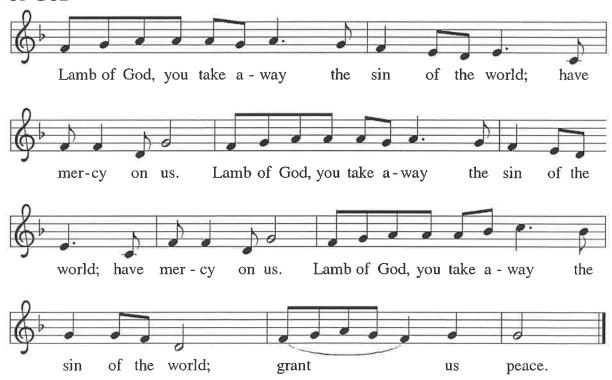
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: Now We Join in Celebration

ELW #462



- 1 Now we join in cel e bra tion at our Sav ior's in vi ta tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath er, fill our hearts with ho ly rap ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com-mu-nion as one fam-'ly of God's chil-dren,



dressed no more in spir-it som-ber, clothed in-stead in joy and won - der; For this bread and cup of bless-ing are for us the sure pos-sess - ing rec - on-ciled through you, our broth-er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



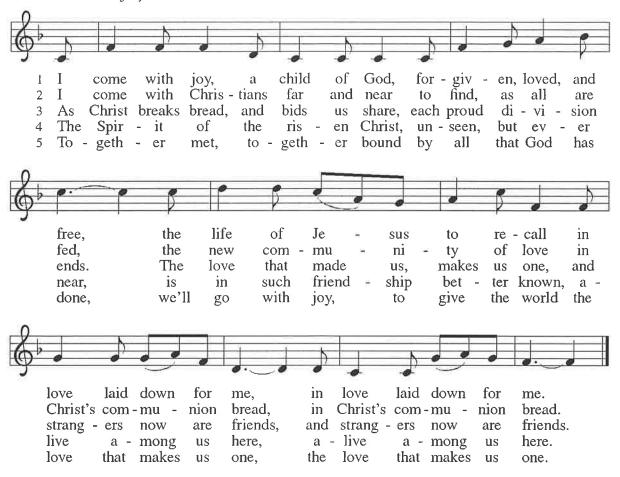
for the Lord of all ex-is-tence, put-ting off di-vine tran-scen-dence, of your lov-ing deed on Cal-v'ry, of your liv-ing self, our vic-t'ry, Give us grace to live for oth-ers, serv-ing all, both friends and strang-ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us. pledge of your un - fail-ing pres-ence, fore-taste here of heav'n-ly glad - ness. seek - ing jus-tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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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.



DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Sent Forth By God's Blessing

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Steve Mickelson, Assisting Minister
Mark Waldron, Organist
Nan Phillips, Reader
Fred Holch, Doug Boehm, A/V
Karol Clark, Carol Thomassen, Altar Guild
Danny Durbin, Will Freedlund, Acolytes
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Bill Dreymiller, Ushers
Steve Mickelson, Emma Hess, Doug Boehm, Dorothy
Thorsen, Comm. Ass'ts

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Jeffrey Mikyska, Senior Pastor
Mark Waldron, Director of Music
Alan Spear, Organist
Steven Ritter, Visitation Pastor
Darlene Hutchens, Church Administrator
Susan Jarocki, Administrative Assistant
Mark Kohlmeier, Financial Secretary

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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, 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, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan

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

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

Joyce StranGreenFields of Geneva, GenevaJay & Carol WierzHarry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

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

Please pray for our family and friends:

HeatherFriend of Schuman FamilyGretchen VanKempemaDaughter of Ann Holch

Loy Williams Friend of Ann & Fred Holch Ryan Anderson Son of Aaron Anderson

Linda Raish Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn

Lisa Friend of Beth Richard
Vic and Anne Lee Friends of Debbie Garrison

Lynne Morrow Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Kenzie Friend of Katie Robertson

Rebecca and family

Josh Braun

Nephew of Pastor Jeff & Gail

God-Daughter of Beth Lawniczak

Nephew of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Landri Paszotta Great Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman

Kate Friend of Karol Clark
Steve Novy Cousin of Bob Novy
Floyd Anderson Beth Richard's Father
Barbara Garrison 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

Teri Figura

Mary Jo Benstein's Family

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Susan Sheley
Bonnie
Carole W.
DeAnne & Gary
Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein
Brad Blue
Megan Campbell
Diane Ekstam Johnson
Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Kelli Robertson

Daughter of Louise Pruitt
Friend of Pastor Jeff
Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
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

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of: Bill Norman

Albert Davis Judi Spear

Wolfgang Smailus

Ed Stahl

Cousin of Judy Henschler Lynn Dreymiller's Uncle

SEPTEMBER 2022 ANNIVERSARIES

1	Jim & Ann Niedzwiecki	16	Bob & Mary Granquist
3	Daniel & Tiffany Thompson	16	Amy Haywood
4	Billy & Darlene Hutchens	16	Pete & Deb Petges
5	Karl & Lisa Holzl, Jr.	20	Seth & Sara Habberfield
7	Jerry & Marsha Schuster	22	Bill & Cheryl Pierson
9	Bob & Sue Novy	25	E. Louise Pruitt
10	Steve & Alice Deller	27	Ken & Judy Henschler
10	Joe & Sue Jarocki	28	Bill & Donna Dahlman
14	Bill & Lynn Dreymiller		

SEPTEMBER 2022 BIRTHDAYS

1	Michael Goro	19	Ray Johnson
1	Cheryl Pierson	20	Wendy McKiness
2	Kurt Grashorn	21	Katie Clark
2	Dennis Schuett	21	Noah Fuller
4	Pam Foelske	22	Adam Holtz
4	Gretchen VanKempema	22	David Morrison
5	Tori Kybartas	23	Alaine Nellis
8	Sarah Hecht	23	Benjamin Toles
8	Pat King	24	Julie Figura
8	Jen Lopez	25	Maureen Scollon
9	Jaxton Heldman	25	Mary Von Qualen
10	Gayle Conolty	27	Gail Mikyska
10	Eric Holzl	27	Jackie Page
12	David Richard	27	Margie Schuett
14	Aidan Garrity	27	Mark Waldron
14	Ashlyn Garrity	28	Kari McQuillan
14	Reilly Garrity	29	Iz Lopez, Jr
15	Bill Dreymiller	30	Dorothy Anderson
	•	30	Steve Brems

This Week at Bethany

10am 2:30pm	Worship/First Communion	ess Fellowship Hall Kitchen
9am	Bethany Walking Group Counters Fox Valley Beekeepers Assn	. Conference Room
	Bethany Walking GroupQuilters	
Wednesday, August 31 8:30	Bethany Walking Group	. Ministry Center Gym
	Bethany Walking Group Boy Scout Troop 6	
Friday, September 2 8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	. Ministry Center Gym
10:30am	Men's Basketball Al-Anon Al-Ateen AA	. Library . Lower Level
	Worship Coffee Hour	