

May Birthday's

2	Marcia Onnen Bob Mithun	11	Erv Ahrenholz Sondra Groen	24	Virginia Palke
3	Leonard Fokken Ashley Sietsema	12	Haylee Sandry Bruce Stutelberg	25	Ryan Wubben Brian Doesken
4	Jen Henker Cory Butler Nathan Zurn	13	Stefen Bedel Heather Boonstra Tiffany Butler	26	Susan Honken
5	Shirley Timmons Jordan Aeikens Rachel Matti Larry Cavaness	14	Brandon Madsen Darrin Caspers Katie Pieper	27	Pauline Erickson
6	Josh Koenen Hailey Boonstra	15	Bryan Pauling	28	Randy Klinghagen
7	Severine Johnson	16	Barb Rhoda Vivian Reiners	29	Russell Onnen John Hagemeyer
8	Rob Johnson	17	Ethan Strommer	30	Logan Dirksen Luke Dirksen
9	Gentry Klinghagen	18	Nathan Satre Matt Miller	31	Craig Stutelberg Andi Schoep Kamryn Butler
10	Cathy Janssen Alan Petersen	20	Bruce Hinrichs		
		23	Brian Sietsema Russell Sietsema		

May Anniversaries

1	Bruce & Deb Stutelberg	19	Cory & Ashley Sietsema
6	Dennis & Cheryl Boike Harlan & Sharon Doesken	24	Ron & Carol Thomton Arron & Kristy Enger
17	Ken & Jan Beyerl	30	Wade & Shannon Buss

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"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead."
1 Corinthians 15:20 (NIV)

Prelude

*Praise & Worship

Children's Sermon

Ministry of Music *Settled At The Cross* Choir

Congregational Prayer

Offertory Hymn#408 I Surrender All

Children's Church – children ages 3 – kindergarten are invited

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-10

(p. 1819 Blue Bible)

(p. 890 Brown Bible)

(p. 1162 Kids Bible)

Sermon: "Equal Opportunity"

*Closing Hymn #285 He Lives

*Benediction

Bethany's Mission Statement:

To spread the word of Christ to our members and other people in surrounding communities and to globally further Christ's Kingdom. We as members will live and teach Jesus to the congregation and community.

*Don't forget to sign the Friendship Pads!
Please include new addresses & phone numbers.*

Reminder as you start your spring cleaning, after garage sales or any time - there is a collection box for Soles for Souls box in the narthex. We take any kind, any condition of shoes, and any size. We even collect SINGLE shoes. Only thing we do not take are flip flops. The Clara City Lions has competition with other area Lions Club all year long. Shoes are collected and brought to Sheldon, Iowa where they are sorted and shipped all over the world. Thanks for supporting this great cause.



The Bethany team will be walking for the **Chippewa County Relay for Life on Friday May 17th**. Last year our Bethany team was the second highest team in total money raised to fight cancer! Money raised supports local resources and cancer research programs. If you would like to help us in our fund-raising efforts, you can do this in two ways. First, we will once again be having luminary bags available after worship services or from the church office. A \$10.00 minimum donation is suggested. We will also be selling necklaces after the church service on May 5th. Cancer has impacted so many lives in our congregation, our local area and our country. If you would like to walk with our team or have any questions, please contact Lois Kluver, Kristie Rhode, Lois Ahrenholz, Marsha Harms, or Lori Petersen. Thank you for your support.

Ladies of Bethany Prayer Shawl Ministry, Lowell and I thank you for the beautiful shawls, prayers and your thoughtfulness. It is a blessing to live in a small town with so many friends and family near by when illness or accidents happen in our lives. The shawls are so soft and comforting and we are grateful for all the prayers and the people with hearts and hands that send a message of God's love. Thank you again. Lowell & Lila Wolff

-----TEAR ON DOTTED LINE/PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE-----

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE BIBLE PASSAGE.

God's Word is living and active. God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

What passages from God's Word have been and continue to be meaningful to you?

What have these passages meant to you?

Briefly describe in the space below.

Tear on the dotted line above & place in the offering plate.

Passage(s): _____

Why: _____

Name: _____

YOUTH NEWS

Vacation Bible School for Pre-School (3 by Sept 1- 2018) thru 6th grade will be June 3- 6. Meals start at 6:00 and we dismiss at 8:00 and our theme is "Pointing to the Cross." As like every year it takes a lot of people to help make VBS a success. This year we need people to help serve and prepare meals, song leaders - Pam will play piano, Craft helpers - Todd will be in charge of Crafts, and a Game leader and additional helpers. There is a sign up by Todd's door and if you have any questions please talk to Todd.

Baccalaureate Planning will be May 1st during senior's lunch hour. The service will be on Wednesday, May 29th at 7 pm in the MACCRAY High School Gym.

MUSIC NOTES



Next Week's Praise Team:

Kara Dirksen, Daniela Goeman, Rachel DuHoux and Team

Rehearsal: *to be decided*

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Assisting Today:

GUEST GREETERS:

Lee & Carin Hagemeyer

Jeff & Darla Koenen

AFTER:

Keith Klinghagen

Chip Goeman

LIBRARY: Lois Sweep

NURSERY: Daniela Goeman

Alison Koenen

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Shannon Buss

Talen Niemeyer

SONG LEADERS:

Pastor Matt & Arthur Miller

ORGANIST: Vicky Hinrichs

PIANIST:

SOUND: Jason Groen

PROJECTOR: Carter Tomes

BUS: Brad Poppen

Next Week:

Jerry & Brenda Schwitters

Chuck & Cindy DeGrote

Dan Niemeyer

Dan Wrede

Paulene Ammermann

JoHannah Klinghagen

Kamryn Butler

Gabe Henker/Rhys Schwitters

Hudson Nord

Kara Dirksen, Daniela Goeman,

Rachel DuHoux and Team

Pam Knapper

Susan Honken

Wade Buss



MAY

Video: Stan Harms

Ushers: *Mark Satre Roger Knapper

Don Boonstra Virgil Hoekstra(alternate)

Coffee Servers: Erv & Mary Ahrenholz

Paul & Angie Beck

TODAY: 9:30 am Morning Worship
10:45 am Coffee & Fellowship/Sunday School

THIS WEEK:

Monday 1:00 – 5:00 pm Mission Quilters
5:00 – 7:45 pm Just for Kix (Gym)
7:00 pm Deacon's Count
Tuesday 5:00 am Open Gym (Walking)
6:00 am Basketball Open Gym
5:00 – 8:15 pm Just for Kix (Gym)
6:00 pm Music Together Class (Chapel)
Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir (Chapel)
7:00 pm Jr. High Youth
8:00 pm Sr. High Youth
Thursday 5:00 am Open Gym (Walking)
1:00 pm Amazing Series Bible Study
5:30 – 7:00 pm Just for Kix (Basement)
Friday 6:00 am Basketball Open Gym

ELDER VISITATION:

Hospital: Chip Goeman Care Center: Jerry Schwitters

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE: Welcome back Snow Birds! Safe travels! Vernon Onnen is recovering from hip surgery at Bethesda Therapy Suites in Willmar (# 507). Eunice Onnen is resting at home following breathing difficulties last week. Marlyn Andresen returned home on Tuesday! TJ & Heather Thielen had good news this past week, Lyla's infection has cleared up and there is no fluid on her lungs. Beverly Ryks, Renae Epema's mother, suffered a stroke last Saturday and is doing well. Continued Prayers: Darlene Andresen, Ruth Johnson, Pat Seeman and Emily Poppen. Those on chemotherapy include Herman Brouwer, Deanna Meints, Lori Petersen and Roger Sweep. Pray for our college students. Remember those in the military. Jake & Sharon Moss our partners in peacebuilding at Grace Covenant Ministries.

Our Sympathy to the family of Verna Aeikens, her funeral was held Saturday at Bethany.

We would like to extend our sympathies to the David & Megan Struxness family on the loss of David's mom, Leone Struxness. Her funeral will be at St. John's Lutheran in Raymond on Saturday, May 4th @ 1pm.

INTENTIONAL PARENTING! Sunday school for parents is back in session this morning after the worship service. Location: Family Room // Topic: Activate Responsibility

Who is your "ONE"? One person that you care about. One person that is struggling. One person that is in need of the peace, joy and hope found in Christ. One person you can intentionally serve. Jesus left the 99 to serve and to save the 1. Jesus said, "Follow my example." John 13

Office Hours: 10 am – 4 pm Monday – Thursday

Website: bethanychurch-mn.org

If you would like a visit call Pastor Matt at 612-719-3272 or the church office 847-3322.

NEW BUILDING PROJECT	
\$\$ raised as of 2-28-2019:	\$ 766,204.60
March Income:	<u>\$ 12,005.00</u>
\$\$ raised as of 3-31-2019:	\$ 778,209.60
Loan balance as of 3-31-2019:	\$ 292,895.33

General Fund Balance as of April 26, 2019: \$2,691.55

General Fund Loan Balance for 2019: \$18,600.00

✓ Average Monthly Expenses are \$26,000.00

Sunday School Offering last week: \$72.00
Preschool through 5th graders: The class with the most offering for the month of April will get a pizza party!

BETHANY SUMMER LEARNING TEACHERS! Those who plan on teaching a class during our July learning opportunity for grades 2-12 here at Bethany, we will have a meeting in the next few weeks. Thank you!

Bethany delivers **MEALS ON WHEELS** in May--- if you are interested in volunteering the signup sheet is by the church office bulletin board.
▪ Dates still available: May 10, 15, 17, 20–24, 28-31

WEBSITE TEAM. Bethany is beginning the process of a total website redo. If you would like to be a part—photographers / organizers / techies / etc... please contact Pastor Matt // call or text @ 612-719-3272 or email: mhm517@gmail.com

Summer Opportunities: there is a purple sheet by Ivy's door and at the back of the Sanctuary, describing something new for students who have completed the 2nd grade on up. On Wednesdays, starting July 10th – July 31st from 1-3 in the afternoon there will be a bunch of opportunities for students to grow in knowledge and skill. All you need to do is pick out the area (in each section) that you would like to learn more about, then fill out the registration form on the back of the purple sheet with what you would like to do that is being offered from each session, and turn the registration part back into Todd by Sunday June 2nd. Cost is free hope to see you there!

Dear Bethany Family, I want to thank you for your love & support during my surgery and recovery. The cards and especially the prayers have been God's love to me. Thanks, Sue Plantinga

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thank you so much for the prayer shawl. *Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.*
Revelation 7:12 ~LeAnn Nord