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Bethany Beacon

Celebrating Bethany

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Our Mission:
To equip people
to be fully
devoted to Jesus
Christ through
relevant and
practical
ministries.

St. Bridget Pantry Donations 1st Sunday of Every Month



Volunteer to be a Greeter! Ask a Deacon!!

October was Pastor Appreciation Month. Bethany took the opportunity to recognize Pastor Joe Marek and Worship Director Tim Krug for their service during Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, October 26. A card shower, gift cards, cake and refreshments were provided in their honor. They were celebrated for making a difference in the life of Bethany by sharing the love of Christ with the congregation and encouraging us to share it with the community.

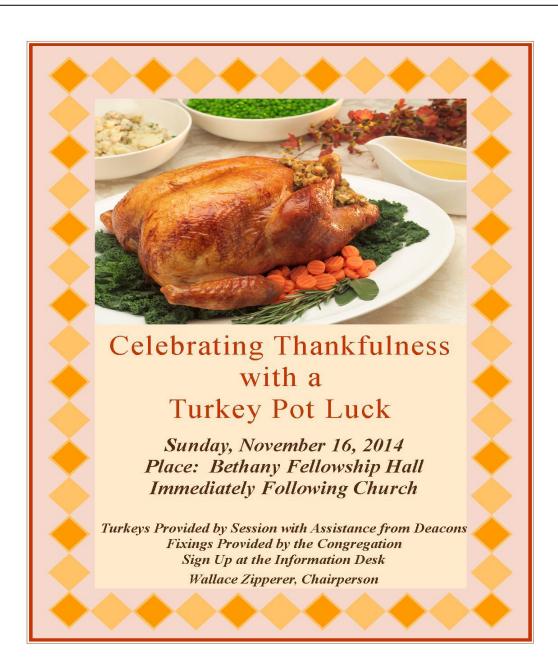
Quotes from Session and Deacons: "Pastor Joe, you continually challenge us to invite others to worship at Bethany." "Tim, you have used your talents to coordinate with Joe and others a program and music linked to the sermon and God's Word." "We are blessed by both of you and celebrate your ministry to Bethany."

Bethany is not only blessed with great ministry leaders like Pastor Joe and Tim, but members of the congregation have stepped up to the plate to make sure that the community knows that Bethany is still here and still bringing the Word of God to them. Most recently, the Missions and Outreach Committee coordinated the Trunk or Treat. We were able to share Bethany with close to 80 children seeking treats. Thank you Marlys, Ginny, committee, those that donated candy and all those who brought their trunks to share!

God has placed on the heart of Dan Bock the necessity to ring the Bethany Bell on Sunday Morning to remind the community that it is time to worship and Bethany is here to share the Word. Beginning November 2 and each following Sunday at 10 a.m., the Bell will chime the invitation to Bethany! Thank you, Dan!

As always, thank you for your tithes and offerings that keep Bethany serving as a vital ministry in our local communities. We also would like to remind you to continue to give to the Capital Improvement Fund (formerly the green envelopes) through your offering envelopes and mark it on the outside of the envelope.

Continuing to follow God's direction for Bethany. Your Session – Lori, Tom, Dan, Jay, Tami, Art, Marlys, LaVerne and Jerry



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Songs

The year was 1637, and Pastor Martin Rinkart was busy with 40-50 funerals a day! Eilenberg, Germany had become a besieged and overcrowded refuge for the surrounding area during the Thirty Year War. People were dying of starvation and disease. Of the four original ministers in the city, one had escaped for healthier duties and two others had succumbed to the pestilence, leaving Pastor Rinkhart on his own to care for the people. His wife died in May, and in the midst of these circumstances, Pastor Rinkhart amazingly wrote the following song for his children:

Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices,

Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;

Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way,

With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Church Bulletin Bloopers

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"A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow."



Bible Expressions

I'm sure that we have all heard the saying: "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth --"

Exodus 21:24 says: "An eye for an eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot ---"

Kids Korner

God the Creator, created the turkey - - - - - Then man made - - - -

When a male turkey changes its moods = first its head changes from red to a shade of blue, then its wattle changes from red to white, and then each goes back to its original color. ...Then man made mood rings. When a person that is wearing a mood ring, changes his moods, then the ring changes from one color to another.

The wild turkey's feet have three broad thick forked nails for scratching and digging in search of seeds and nuts. ...Then man made gardening forks.

A hen turkey lays 8 to 18 large eggs on the ground. The eggs are tan and speckled brown to blend in with the leaves and stones on the ground. ...Then man made camouflage items that blend in with their surroundings.

Turkey's prefer insects, grasses, nuts and berries. They swallow the nuts whole, shells and all, along with a few pebbles. The pebbles go into the turkey's gizzard (part of it stomach) and grind up even the toughest food. ...Then man made food grinders.

The brush turkey builds nesting mounds which are about twelve feet in diameter and three feet high. These are made of vegetable matter and the nest gets very hot. The male lets air get into the mounds by turning over the material, so that it can cool off. When the nesting mounds are just the right temperature, the male turkey lets the female turkey lay her eggs. ...Then man made incubators that are just the right temperature for tiny babies.

Turkeys can fly for short distances. They take off, almost straight up. ...Then man made helicopters that can fly straight up.

Each turkey's eye, has broad monocular vision. Because its eyes can look together, it also has three-dimensional binocular vision as well. ...Then man made binoculars that have three-dimensional vision.

Isn't God's creation, wonderful?



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November Happenings At Bethany

Every Sunday: Sunday School for Birth through Senior Adults – 9:00 a.m.

Every Sunday: Worship at 10:15 a.m.

Every Sunday: Fellowship after Church

First Sunday: Communion in Church

and Delivered to Shut-ins

Third Sunday: Contemporary Service and Fellowship at 5:00 p.m.

November 16: Turkey Potluck after Church (Sign Up to Bring Your Favorite Dish!)

November 30: Hanging of the Greens!

PAPER ANGEL CLOSET



PAPER ANGEL CLOSET is always in need of detergent, bleach, cleaning supplies, hand soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, and shampoo. With cold season here, there is always a need for Kleenex and other paper products.

God bless each of you who faithfully remember PAC with needed items. This outreach continues because you are so willing to give to help those less fortunate in our community.

November Mission of the Month Carpenter's Place

Carpenter's Place provides the tools necessary for rebuilding the lives of the homeless. Inspired by Christ's compassion, Carpenter's Place offers direction with accountability to people with broken lives, helping them find peace with God, themselves, and their communities.

Carpenter's Place (CP) has become recognized as an innovative leader in the development of effective methods for addressing the core life issues of the chronically homeless. Responding to local and national frustration over how to effectively rebuild broken lives, CP has invested heavily to conceive, implement, evaluate, and refine a unique blend of programming elements. Recovering from chronic homelessness requires overcoming multiple barriers that often keep an individual trapped in a downward spiraling lifestyle . . . one that robs them, and consequently their families and community, of realizing their potential. Recovering from chronic homelessness is no small task.



Nomination Committee News

We are nearing the time of year when nominations are being sought for officers at Bethany. The individuals being sought are those whom God has given a call to keep Bethany serving as a beacon in our community. If you feel the longing to share your talents as a member of Session or a Deacon, please talk to anyone on the Nominating Committee: Lori Mitchell, Jerry Hewitt, Donovan Wood, Carol Shearrow or Hope Fosler.

Bethany Calendar – November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9am: Sunday School for All Ages 10:15am: Worship Celebration Communion Sunday 11:30am: Fellowship	3	7pm: PNC 7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	5 Weekly Bulletin deadline 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	6 6pm – Parent's Prayer Group 7pm: Al-Anon	7 4:30pm:Julie Badowski	8
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November 16 - 5pm Contemporary Service Your Help is Needed for Coffee Fellowship! Please Sign Up! Sign Up to Bring Your Favorite Dish for the Turkey Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, November 16 after Church