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# Bethany Beacon

## *Report from Session*

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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  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of  
Every Month



October:  
Session

Volunteer to be  
a Greeter! Ask  
a Deacon!!

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.

As we shared previously, we ask you to please continue to contact the individuals below if you have an area of concern.

**Sunday Greeters** – A Sign-Up Sheet will be on the Information Desk and dates will be assigned by the Deacons (We need you, please sign up!)

**Seasonal Flowers** –If you have a special occasion floral display to donate please call Cheryl Eickman (815-540-7076).

**Weekly Worship Bulletins:** Coordinated by Marlys Marsh and Tim Krug (If you have something for the Sunday Bulletin, please email Marlys at [mar4806@comcast.net](mailto:mar4806@comcast.net)).

**Beacon Newsletter** – Coordinated by Lori Mitchell (Please email articles to Lori at [momm316@yahoo.com](mailto:momm316@yahoo.com)) by the last week of each month.

**Answering Machine** will be utilized for incoming phone calls. However, if you have an emergency, please call Lori Mitchell at 815-494-2753 or Tom Smith at 815-988-9056.

**Calendar:** Will be maintained by Tami Munger (website as well) and Marlys Marsh.

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 and pray for His leadership of Bethany. Members of Session – Lori, Tom, Dan, Jay, Tami, Art, Marlys, LaVerne and Jerry

## **a contemporary thing..**

was established on a mission trip several years ago in the minds of the youth and the leaders. The excitement simmered in their minds until early summer, 2014, when it was decided to launch this service the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. followed by fellowship in the hall downstairs. This service would be focused on praise and worship of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through music and testimonials.

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014, “a contemporary thing..” was launched with a message by Don Hecox and praise music was led by Amanda McCormick.

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, a contemporary praise band, Fire at 4<sup>th</sup> and State, led our musical worship and the message was given by Melissa McCormick.

On Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, the Cherie Norquay Band, came. After an inspirational musical opening, Cherie shared a message about her own moment, when she found herself confronting who she was and what she believed. She shared the Good Samaritan story and related that she had been the priest and the Levite who crossed the road rather than assist the injured man. Her message was that we see but we don't REALLY see other people. So, her and her husband, John, began to go on mission trips to Africa where for the first time she really SAW other people and realized their conditions and the suffering they were undergoing and wondered how could she help. She picked up her music again after 22 years and began to use it as a way to evangelize the message of Jesus. As an example of how she saw but didn't see, she told the story of taking her child for a rather long walk on a park path. Off to the side, sat a beautiful bird. It didn't appear injured and was not afraid of her as she approached it. She talked to it and her child about how beautiful it was, other people began to observe her and smiled as they walked past. She then went home. The next morning, the bird was on her doorstep. How did it get there? She opened her door just enough to squeeze herself out (was she fearful the bird would fly inside? I don't know). Anyway, as she looked at the bird she saw it had a band on each leg. She put it in her cat carrier and called the number on the band. This was a racing homing pigeon. It was about 600 miles from home and had become disoriented and lost during a race. She saw the bird on the path but didn't SEE the bird until it showed up on her doorstep. It begs the question, how did it get to her home? And why? She compared The Bird Story to the Good Samaritan story of how she saw the bird but didn't help until it came to her door and then she SAW it and became the Good Samaritan and helped the bird back home.

The next contemporary thing will be Oct 19<sup>th</sup> with Nick McCormick speaking. He is requesting we wear our favorite NFL team colors.



**October 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.

October 26: Trunk or Treat at 5:00 p.m.

**Candy Needed – Bring to Church by October 19.**

**October Mission of the Month  
Rock House Kids**

Rock House Kids reaches out to inner city youth, ages 4 through 18 who are at risk and in need, in Rockford's southeast inner city. It not only offers a safe, warm and nurturing environment, they serve hot meals and food bags to take with them, because many of them would otherwise have nothing to eat at home. They also provide after school tutoring and snacks, Bible classes, after basic life skills. They also provide basic clothing needs for children without shoes, socks, coats, scarves, hats and gloves, but most of all they provide them with real caring and love.

As we begin this fall season, may we think of the many blessings that God has given us and reach out to help children who cannot and do not have the means to help themselves. We have the opportunity to aid in helping these needy children. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of God.". May we show our love for them through this vital ministry.

**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.



**Adult Bible Study**

Our Sunday Adult Class is beginning a study in the book of I John. If you are interested in refreshing and expanding the basis of your Christian faith and how to live it, this is a good place to do that. Though only five chapters, it is rich in Christ's teachings. Come join us each Sunday at 9:00 in the upper educational unit.



**Bethany Family Fund**

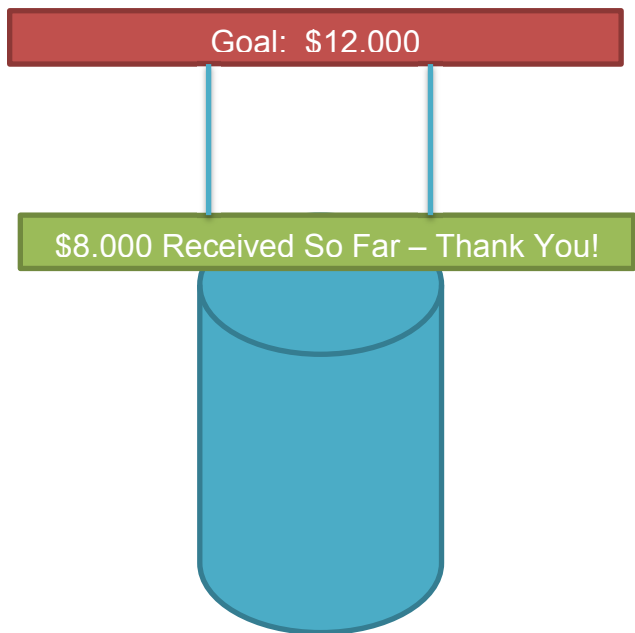
BFF is a fund specifically for Bethany members who find themselves in an emergency financial need. If you find yourself or another member of our congregation in that position, please contact Marilyn Buske of our Deacons committee. All requests are kept within that committee to assure privacy for any

**BETHANY'S BOILER UPDATE**

To everyone that has given to the Boiler Fund, thank you for your continued, faithful support. After hitting the \$8,000 mark in Bethany's Boiler Fund, the go ahead was given to install the new boiler the week of September 21st. The fund is still around \$3,000 short of the goal, but Session will have until the end of December before the final payment for the boiler is due.

We will continue to accept money for the Boiler Fund until the end of the year. Any amount over the initial goal will be used to help cover the heating bills this winter.

# Boiler Fund



Pastor Carlson and Jan are grateful for all who came before, during, or after and/or sent cards for Jan's 85th birthday celebration. It was a wonderful and unexpected surprise. Your phone calls and visits are deeply appreciated.

Rev. Peder and Jan Carlson



Thank You for your thoughtfulness and many prayers before, during and since Jonathan's colon surgery. It's very much appreciated. He is gradually feeling better, but has a long way to go. Please continue to remember him in your prayers. Again, many thanks!

Jonathan Reed, Edie Anderson and Family and the Buske's

# Bethany Calendar – October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 Weekly Bulletin deadline</b> 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	<b>2</b>  7pm: Al-Ano	<b>3</b>  4:30pm: Julie Badowski	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9am: Sunday School for All Ages 10:15am: Worship Celebration Communion Sunday 11:30am: Fellowship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7pm: PNC  7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	<b>8 Weekly Bulletin deadline</b> 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	<b>9</b>  6pm – Parent's Prayer Group  7pm: Al-Anon	<b>10</b>  4:30pm: Julie Badowski	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9am: Adult Sunday School 10:15am: Worship Celebration 11:30am: Fellowship	<b>13</b> 6pm Missions & Outreach  7:00 Session Meeting	<b>14</b> 7pm: PNC  7pm Uriel Circle @ Bethany  7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	<b>15 Weekly Bulletin deadline</b> 12:30 pm HANNAH Circle 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	<b>16</b> 9am BYKOTA Circle @ Beth   7pm: Al-Anon	<b>17</b>  4:30pm: Julie Badowski	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9am: Primary, Youth & Adult Sunday Sch 10:15am: Worship Celebration 11:30am: Fellowship  5pm Contemporary Service & Fellowship	<b>20</b> 5:45pm Paper Angel Closet  7pm: Christian Education	<b>21</b> 7pm: PNC  7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	<b>22 Weekly Bulletin deadline</b> 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	<b>23</b>  7pm: Al-Anon	<b>24 Beacon Articles Due</b>  4:30pm: Julie Badowski	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9am: Primary, Youth & Adult Sunday Sch 10:15am: Worship Celebration 11:30am: Fellowship  5pm Trunk or Treat	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7pm: PNC  7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	<b>29 Weekly Bulletin deadline</b> 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	<b>30</b>  7pm: Al-Anon	<b>31</b>  4:30pm: Julie Badowski	

**October 19 - 5pm**  
**Contemporary Service**  
**Wear Your NFL Colors**

**Candy and Treats are Needed for Trunk or Treat! Please Bring to Church by October 19.**