



# THE BETHANY BEACON

*Building on the Past – Confident in God's Future – We make Christ known!*



**JAN/FEBRUARY 2024**

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**And so much more. . .**



## *A message from Pastor Chris. . .*

### **Someday is Today**

I sit here with grey skies outside and a warm cup of coffee in hand and looking at the numerous books on my shelf. I think about how many of them I have not fully read. I won't lie, I've read some of the books and well, life comes a calling, which only allows me to get a few chapters into the book. I have never been dedicated to reading, but my collection of books says differently. However, on this particular day I have found myself flipping through books, wanting to dive into them and fulfill the promise I made when acquiring them, "I will get to it someday." I am eager to do some of this reading for fun, not because I have to like I did in seminary, or for preparation of a sermon or something else.

A while back one of the confirmation students asked me if I have read the whole Bible, which came during a conversation about the importance of scripture and reading it, and thinking about how this affects our faith. My response to the student was simply, "no." However, I have read the Bible in bits and pieces perhaps more than once, but not from cover to cover, from Genesis to Revelation. I have several Bibles that outline to do so in a year, and they take their place the bookshelf. We have had confirmation students try a ninety-day read, and students that have committed to reading a chapter a day.

It makes me want to turn over a new leaf, to start something new, to do some of that reading that I have put off for a few years. Perhaps for the next 11 months, I could make a commitment to do some of this reading and join with the students in their dedication to going through the Bible.

Many of us make these commitments or resolutions, but research has shown that 66% give up by the end of January. So, it seems like the beginning of February would be a good time to start something. Turning the page of our lives, uncovering areas in our lives that we lack, indulge, or even idolatry. I will not prescribe anything for your life; however, I do invite you to join me in reading of the Bible in the course of the year or a ninety-day.

The ELCA continues to emphasize the reading and grounding our lives on the Word of God, the scriptures, the Bible. During our discussion about reading the Bible, a confirmation student asked if they read the Bible once if they need to read it again, to which my reply was simply "yes." I told them that we could read passages and think about different things no matter how much we read. Because through our life experiences scripture opens up new to us, we read things differently, interpret differently.

It is a spiritual practice to read the Bible, to read about the prophets, the Kings, the stories of healing, the Psalms of lament, the writings of Paul; and about the birth the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is something that we can do now, next week, next year, and forever as we continue to have live in faith. Whether we reach the goals we set out to meet, or whether we fail, we live in a reality that we are loved by a merciful God, purely just because.

If you would like an outline for reading scripture daily, please let me know!

Peace, Pastor Chris

# February Meeting



**Thursday**                      **February 1, 2:00 p.m.**  
**Hostess**                              **Miriam Circle**  
**Program**                              **Book Review; Holly Johnson**  
**Spec. Offering**                      **Lindsborg Library**  
**Bring**                                      **4 ounce bar of soap**

## PIECE ARTISTS

**Feb. 8**  
**March 14**  
**9:00 a.m.**



## **CIRCLES TO MEET:**

**Sarah Circle: 9:30 a.m. Feb. 21**  
**Miriam Circle: 2:00 p.m. Feb. 21**  
**Rebecca Circle: 2:00 p.m. Feb. 15**

# March Meeting

**Thursday**                              **March 7, 2:00 p.m.**  
**Leader:**                                      **Genevieve Bishop**  
**Hostess:**                                      **Sarah Circle**  
**Program**                                      **World Day of Prayer, Pastor Chris Deines**  
**Spec. Offering**                              **Lindsborg Library**  
**Bring**    **4 ounce bar of soap**



# NOVEMBER FINANCIALS FOR BETHANY CHURCH

## Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

Financial Review for the last Month Ending 11/30/2023

	Nov <u>Actual</u>	YTD <u>Actual</u>	YTD <u>Budget</u>	YTD <u>Difference</u>
Contributions, general	\$ 22,050	\$ 241,176	\$ 338,770	\$ (97,594)
Other Income	\$ 4,768	\$ 44,858	\$ 22,833	\$ 22,025
<b>Gross Income</b>	<b>\$ 26,818</b>	<b>\$ 286,034</b>	<b>\$ 361,603</b>	<b>\$ (75,569)</b>
Human Resources	\$ 20,544	\$ 219,764	\$ 228,663	\$ 8,899
Property	\$ 5,238	\$ 65,804	\$ 73,648	\$ 7,844
Other Expenses	\$ 3,923	\$ 46,026	\$ 60,238	\$ 14,212
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 29,704</b>	<b>\$ 331,594</b>	<b>\$ 362,549</b>	<b>\$ 30,955</b>
<b>Net Income (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (2,886)</b>	<b>\$ (45,560)</b>	<b>\$ (946)</b>	<b>\$ (44,614)</b>

November notes: Nov. total income was (\$5319) unfavorable. to plan (better than our YTD average). Expenses remain favorable budget. We have spent (\$45,560) more than our income for the year. Our cash flow position shows that we are approx. \$29,000 unfavorable to what we need at year end. This means we need to take in \$29,000 more than we spend in December to avoid having to take out a loan at year end.

### Operating Funds Report:

	2023 <u>August</u>	2023 <u>September</u>	2023 <u>Oct</u>	2023 <u>Nov</u>
Checking Account at Peoples Bank & Trust	\$ 141,392.75	\$ 147,352.31	\$ 150,900.32	\$ 106,313.01
CD at Peioples Bank & Trust	\$ 150,380.17	\$ 150,380.17	\$ 150,380.17	\$ 150,380.17
Mission Investment Fund, Money Market	\$ 260,801.20	\$ 261,331.09	\$ 261,879.76	\$ 262,411.84
Prepaid Insurance	\$ 23,749.51	\$ 21,110.68	\$ 18,471.85	\$ 15,833.02
Liabilities - Current Credit Card	\$ (1,770.67)	\$ (1,157.06)	\$ (2,211.86)	\$ (1,938.66)
Liabilities - payroll taxes	\$ (2,525.79)	\$ (2,631.82)	\$ (2,792.79)	\$ (2,187.49)
Less Designated Funds	\$ (8,360.00)	\$ (10,980.00)	\$ (14,255.04)	\$ -
Less Memorials	\$ (15,061.00)	\$ (16,926.28)	\$ (17,236.28)	\$ (17,771.28)
Less Project Funds	\$ (570,825.54)	\$ (583,942.75)	\$ (571,680.66)	\$ (542,288.94)
<b>General Funds Available</b>	<b>\$ (22,219.37)</b>	<b>\$ (35,463.66)</b>	<b>\$ (26,544.53)</b>	<b>\$ (29,248.33)</b>



**Check it out!**  
**Scan this QR code with your**  
**phone's camera and follow the link to**  
**the give an offering to Bethany Church.**



# DECEMBER FINANCIALS FOR BETHANY CHURCH

## Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

Financial Review for the last Month Ending 12/31/2023

	<u>Dec</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Difference</u>
Contributions, general	\$ 90,199	\$ 370,010	\$ 392,444	\$ (22,434)
Other Income	\$ 1,247	\$ 7,470	\$ 3,300	\$ 4,170
<b>Gross Income</b>	<b>\$ 91,446</b>	<b>\$ 377,480</b>	<b>\$ 395,744</b>	<b>\$ (18,264)</b>
Human Resources	\$ 20,581	\$ 240,356	\$ 249,224	\$ 8,868
Property	\$ 5,574	\$ 71,378	\$ 81,000	\$ 9,622
Other Expenses	\$ 6,982	\$ 52,997	\$ 65,520	\$ 12,523
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 33,137</b>	<b>\$ 364,731</b>	<b>\$ 395,744</b>	<b>\$ 31,013</b>
<b>Net Income (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 58,309</b>	<b>\$ 12,749</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 12,749</b>

December notes: What an amazing ending to 2023. Contributions (member, visitor, loose) were \$90,199 in December. Compared to our monthly average of \$25,437 per month in the other 11 months of the year, December contributions represented 20% of the total year contributions! While we had a great concern for the first 11 months of the year, this push as the end shows that the congregation is supportive of our shared ministry.

### Operating Funds Report:

	<u>2023</u> <u>September</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Oct</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Nov</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Dec</u>
Checking Account at Peoples Bank & Trust	\$ 147,352.31	\$ 150,900.32	\$ 106,313.01	\$ 196,635.32
CD at Peoples Bank & Trust	\$ 150,380.17	\$ 150,380.17	\$ 150,380.17	\$ 150,380.17
Mission Investment Fund, Money Market	\$ 261,331.09	\$ 261,879.76	\$ 262,411.84	\$ 262,962.77
Petty Cash - Laundry Love				\$ 236.50
Petty Cash				\$ 7.79
Prepaid Insurance	\$ 21,110.68	\$ 18,471.85	\$ 15,833.02	\$ 13,194.19
Liabilities - Current Credit Card	\$ (1,157.06)	\$ (2,211.86)	\$ (1,938.66)	\$ (950.99)
Liabilities - payroll taxes	\$ (2,631.82)	\$ (2,792.79)	\$ (2,187.49)	\$ (2,208.31)
Less Designated Funds	\$ (10,980.00)	\$ (14,255.04)	\$ -	\$ (40.02)
Less Memorials	\$ (16,926.28)	\$ (17,236.28)	\$ (17,771.28)	\$ (13,692.00)
Less Project Funds	\$ (583,942.75)	\$ (571,680.66)	\$ (542,288.94)	\$ (577,390.35)
<b>General Funds Available</b>	<b>\$ (35,463.66)</b>	<b>\$ (26,544.53)</b>	<b>\$ (29,248.33)</b>	<b>\$ 29,135.07</b>



**The noisy offering for February goes to Boy Scout Troop #120. We appreciate all that you give.**



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 2024

## Sunday School Lessons:

February 4	Jesus Heals	Mark 1:29 – 39
February 11	Transfiguration	Mark 9:2-9
February 18	Noah’s Ark	Genesis 6-9
February 25	Abraham and Sarah’s Visitors	Genesis 18 & 21

**Lent begins on Feb. 14;** the word *Lent* comes from the Anglo Saxon word that means “spring” or “springtime”. Taken literally, the word means that this is the time of the year when the days lengthen. This season of the church year is a time of preparation, reflection, growth, and change. As God’s people take time to learn more about God and their relationship to God and to others, the season before Easter can be seen as the springtime of the soul—a time of growth in faith and a time to nurture the faith that is already theirs. Purple is the color associated with Lent and is used in churches that observe liturgical traditions. Purple is a solemn color, reminiscent of royalty and repentance. It reflects the serious and somber nature of this time in the life of the church. (Before and After Easter –Aug./Fortress)

“For God so Loved the World” So far we have met Viveca from Sweden, Ferry from Iran, Fumiko from Japan, and Pastor Bradn, who served in Russia. This month we will be meeting Mary Winsor, who is serving with ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission in Mexico City. Come see the very large world map in the youth room, next to the elevator. See the pictures of those we have met.

My favorite zoom call led to one of our youth, Harper, telling me “We match, we match” as she met Ferry’s niece who is the same age she is. They both had shoulder length dark hair, dark eyes and were wearing pink and gray. I wish all of our youth “matched” someone on the other side of the world, celebrating what we share, rather than what divides us.

Pictures from the Epiphany Craft Day.



Joyce Peterson, Christian Ed Director, 785.820.0034, [joycepeterson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joycepeterson@sbcglobal.net)

## THE SALINA RESCUE MISSION

Every night, the beds of The Salina Rescue Mission are filled by someone needing safe shelter. There are 76 beds available at the Mission and they are usually full on a nightly basis.

The Salina Rescue Mission feeds more than 50,000 meals a year to struggling men, women, and families in the Saline County area. A meal is provided to anyone that is hungry.

Recovery & employment programs and financial counseling are available to all the men who need some support to get back on their own two feet.

Your help is needed to assist with these programs at the Mission. You can participate in some upcoming events; like the Stutzman's Flower Sale in April, or the Golf Tournament in May. You can volunteer to serve as a family, group, or individual. Volunteers are needed to prepare or serve the food, drive a van to run errands, help with maintenance issues, assist the men with paperwork, help with fundraising events or give a chapel message.

You can give a monetary donation. Or you can give some of the items needed on the list below.

### **Items needed:**

Shaving supplies: disposable razors, Kleenex, shaving cream, facial lotion.

Toilet Paper: any size, any quantity

Laundry Detergent: Any non scented, (All Free and Clear is preferred).

New or gently used men's clothing & shoes of any size

New packages of men's socks and underwear of any size

All that you are able to give or do is greatly appreciated. If you have questions or would like to schedule a tour, please visit with Chad Young, director of The Salina Rescue Mission. 785-823-2610 or [chad@salinarescuemission.com](mailto:chad@salinarescuemission.com)



A blue bucket for your donations to The Salina Rescue Mission is in Trinity Hall, by the East doors.

## Global Missions

**Show your Valentine you think they are the bee's knees...**



**Support LWR - World Hunger with a gift that makes a difference.**

Shop online for a cute greeting card, or stop by the church office for an ornament.  
<https://goodgifts.elca.org/honeybees-with-you-make-my-life-sweeter-valentines-day-card>

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## STEPHEN MINISTRY

### WE HAVE STEPHEN MINISTRY BECAUSE . . .

**. . . it utilizes the best of the healing sciences.** The Stephen Ministry training continues to be on the forefront of caring ministry by integrating the best of psychology and technology. It does not compartmentalize life into sacred and secular, but sees all of life as wholly under God's design. The sciences are God's gift to humanity and are to be used for holy purposes.

The training utilizes the best insights, knowledge, and approaches available from the healing sciences in the service of Christian caring. Our congregation can be assured that the training our Stephen Ministers receive is theologically sound and measures up to the highest standards of the helping professions.

If you or someone you know would like a Stephen Minister to visit, please call Jim Nelson, 785-906-0222.



# YOUTH GROUP

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **Sunday, February 4, 4:00 p.m.**

We will make a meal for the STEPS program, to have at their meeting on Monday.

We will meet at Messiah Church.

**STEPMC**

### **Sunday, March 3, 4:00 p.m.**

We will gather at Messiah Church to have snacks, a bible study and make T-Shirt bags for The Dala Pantry.



### **Sunday, March 31, 8-10 a.m.**

EASTER BRUNCH - Bethany Youth will serve in the basement of Bethany Church.



### **Sunday, April 7, TBD**

Activities are being planned, keep this date on your calendars.

### **Sunday, May 5, 4:00 p.m.**

We will meet at Messiah Church and then go to Coronado Heights, for some food, exploring, kit flying and fellowship.



## FEBRUARY /MARCH BIRTHDAY LIST

### February

<b>Ermal Nelson</b>	<b>2/01</b>	<b>Lois Larson</b>	<b>2/22</b>
<b>August Peterson</b>	<b>2/01</b>	<b>Steven Gustafson</b>	<b>2/24</b>
<b>Gail Albrecht</b>	<b>2/02</b>	<b>Billy Hudson</b>	<b>2/22</b>
<b>Sawyer Lysell-Alkire</b>	<b>2/02</b>	<b>Jamie Howe</b>	<b>2/26</b>
<b>Sarah Woodard</b>	<b>2/02</b>	<b>Jim Parker</b>	<b>2/26</b>
<b>Angie Howe</b>	<b>2/03</b>	<b>Connie Brooks</b>	<b>2/27</b>
<b>Terry Malm</b>	<b>2/03</b>	<b>Nicholas Dreier</b>	<b>2/28</b>
<b>Memphis Patterson</b>	<b>2/03</b>		



<b>Trampas Miller</b>	<b>2/05</b>		
<b>Marilyn Youngquist</b>	<b>2/05</b>		

<b>Craig Blomberg</b>	<b>2/08</b>	<b>Dan Hawkinson</b>	<b>3/1</b>
<b>Clayton Couchman</b>	<b>2/08</b>	<b>Ty McCullough</b>	<b>3/2</b>
<b>Celeste Palmquist</b>	<b>2/08</b>	<b>Betty Nelson</b>	<b>3/2</b>
<b>Isla Wilson</b>	<b>2/08</b>	<b>Dave Crouse</b>	<b>3/3</b>
<b>Richard Johnson</b>	<b>2/08</b>	<b>Julia Train</b>	<b>3/3</b>
<b>Dale Patrick</b>	<b>2/09</b>	<b>Joyce Shields</b>	<b>3/4</b>
<b>Anders Deines</b>	<b>2/10</b>	<b>Gary Shogren</b>	<b>3/5</b>
<b>Luke Todd-Moore</b>	<b>2/10</b>	<b>Joy Everhart</b>	<b>3/6</b>
<b>Jay Beasley</b>	<b>2/12</b>	<b>Danelle Johnson</b>	<b>3/10</b>
<b>Susan Lundstrom</b>	<b>2/12</b>	<b>Dorothy Bengtson</b>	<b>3/11</b>
<b>Margo Lysell</b>	<b>2/13</b>	<b>Ryan DuMars</b>	<b>3/11</b>
<b>Sophie Nelson</b>	<b>2/13</b>	<b>Jake McElroy</b>	<b>3/11</b>
<b>Thurlow Gibson</b>	<b>2/14</b>	<b>Cody Whetstone</b>	<b>3/11</b>
<b>Allison Koerner-Smith</b>	<b>2/14</b>	<b>Denise Romero</b>	<b>3/12</b>
<b>Patricia Roraback</b>	<b>2/14</b>	<b>Nancy Lysell</b>	<b>3/13</b>
<b>Seth Peterson</b>	<b>2/16</b>	<b>Jonathan Reinecker</b>	<b>3/13</b>
<b>Mark Johnson</b>	<b>2/16</b>	<b>Jill Nolde</b>	<b>3/13</b>
<b>Allyn Gillberg</b>	<b>2/17</b>	<b>Vance Eckstrom</b>	<b>3/14</b>
<b>Merle Nelson</b>	<b>2/17</b>	<b>Ann Johnson</b>	<b>3/14</b>
<b>Jodie Miller</b>	<b>2/18</b>	<b>Jay Pearson</b>	<b>3/14</b>
<b>Rebecca VanDerWege</b>	<b>2/19</b>	<b>August Brunsell</b>	<b>3/16</b>
<b>Rose Marie Wallen</b>	<b>2/20</b>	<b>Jane Glock</b>	<b>3/16</b>
<b>Carol Hudson</b>	<b>2/22</b>	<b>Adalyn Gustus</b>	<b>3/16</b>

### March

<b>Drew Nelson</b>	<b>3/17</b>
<b>Margaret Anderson</b>	<b>3/19</b>
<b>Jarrett Esping</b>	<b>3/21</b>
<b>Lillie Brunsell</b>	<b>3/22</b>
<b>Avery Kruckenberg</b>	<b>3/24</b>
<b>Ron Michael</b>	<b>3/24</b>
<b>Eugene Peterson</b>	<b>3/25</b>
<b>Harper Aldrete</b>	<b>3/26</b>
<b>Katherine Grit</b>	<b>3/26</b>
<b>Mary J Peterson</b>	<b>3/27</b>
<b>Kelsey Brunsell</b>	<b>3/29</b>
<b>Lorraine Emler</b>	<b>3/29</b>
<b>Beth Crouse</b>	<b>3/30</b>
<b>Cynthia Leroy</b>	<b>3/31</b>



Don't see your name on the list?  
 Contact the church office.

## ARCHIVES

**February 1983:** Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ostlind announced their retirement as custodians of Bethany Church. They served for seventeen years.

**April 1983:** Mr. Carl Peterson announced the planting of several memorial trees on the church property. These trees are given in loving memory of Mr. Jack Ebling by his family and friends.

**May 1983:** Mr. Ralph Roberts was hired as church custodian. The Holy Communion schedule was changed to the second Sunday of each month for the 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. services. For the summer; fellowship time was changed to 9:15 a.m. and Sunday School classes will rotate serving coffee and rolls.

**June 1983:** Black Augustana hymnals, half size black hymnals and red service book hymnals were given away during the summer.

**July 1983:** A successful VBS was celebrated by many. Co-directors Norma Verndon and Linda Anderson planned around the theme "I Love to tell the story." One hundred and twenty children attended the 4-day school. Shirley Malm created coloring books, Lee's Thriftway provided the drinks, and numerous volunteers provided snacks, games and nursery care. The children performed a Bible story, using puppets and actions songs for their parents on the last day.

**August 1983:** A one-week Handbell Ringers clinic was conducted at Bethany Church for high school students. The clinic was conducted by Elmer and Ruth Copley.

**September 1983:** The following musical opportunities were presented to the congregation, in hopes of obtaining new members. The Adult Church Choir, directed by Dorothy Patrick, high school age and up. Son Rise Choir, directed by Diane Hopp, grades 4-6. Carol Choir, directed by Lori Lindshield, for grades 1-3. The Adult Handbell Choir, directed by Ruth Copley, for all adults, men and women. The Highschool Handbell Choir, directed by Ruth Copley, for grades 9-12.

**October 1983:** A dynamic teacher training workshop entitled "Strengthening Our Sunday School" occurred for three evenings in October and November. Demonstrations were provided by Maridene Lundstrom, Charlotte Ternstrom, Lynette Jones, Elizabeth Johnson, Judy Burch and Kay Berenson. Superintendent Patricia Roraback; presented on "Insights into Teaching," and Pastor Johnson gave the Bible Study. This event was well attended.

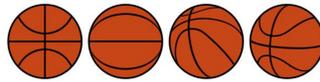
**November 1983:** Alan and Karen Leaf, will serve as the Lutheran World Relief liaisons. They are now collecting, sweaters, blankets and bars of soap. Dr. Peter J. Ristuben was installed as the 9th President of Bethany College on Nov. 20.



**GIVE TO BETHANY VILLAGE**

March 21, 2024

Make a donation to Bethany Village . The Foundation will match your gift up to 50% in the form of an instant cash grant from a \$313,000 match pool to Bethany Village to use for current needs. Give on Thursday, March 21, 2024. Donate online at [www.matchmadnessgscf.org](http://www.matchmadnessgscf.org), donate in person at the Salina Fieldhouse; 140 N. 5th street, Salina or mail your donation (cash or check) to the Community Foundation at PO BOX 2876, Salina Kansas 67456 with a post-marked of March 21.



**TRUST IN THE LORD, FOR HE DOES PROVIDE:**  
 The **DALA PANTRY**  
 located at **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*Volunteers are always needed.*  
 Other pantry needs are packaged individual snacks and individually packaged oatmeal.

**HOURS OF OPERATION:**  
 Monday 3p.m.—5 p.m.; Tuesday 2:30 p.m. —4:30 p.m.;  
 Thursday 4 p.m.—6 p.m.; Saturday 12-2 p.m.  
*Church office hours are from 9– Noon, Monday-Friday*



Finally, we always need reusable canvas bags, without drawstrings, for the Dala Pantry, located in Messiah Church and serving about 100 households monthly.  
 Recycle your reusable bags by bringing them to MELC! THANK YOU!

*Chamber Orchestra*  
 of the  
*Smoky Valley*

Dr. Keith Dodson, Music Director

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Edvard Grieg  
 From Holberg's Time

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor  
 Four Novelletten for Strings and Percussion

Maurice Ravel  
 Tzigane  
*Benjamin Sung, violin*

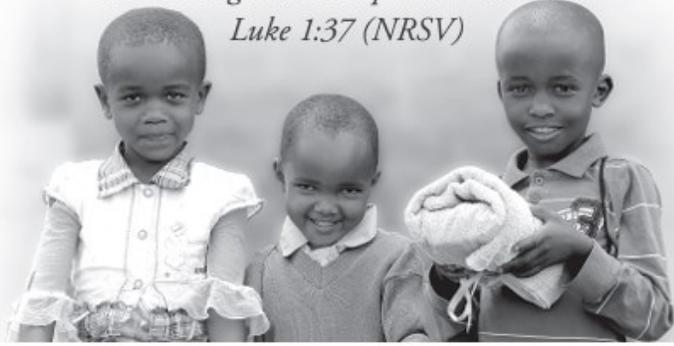
Robert Schumann  
 Symphony No. 2

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February 4, 2024  
 4:30PM, Bethany Lutheran Church



**BASKETS of PROMISE**  
*"For nothing will be impossible with God."*  
 Luke 1:37 (NRSV)



Students at ELIMAA School near Arusha, Tanzania, received LWR Personal Care Kits at a distribution organized by the school in November 2015. ELIMAA serves 33 students ages 4-7 from poor families who otherwise would not be able to afford school fees and related expenses. The children also receive a large cup of warm porridge each morning at school. The school's teacher is creating lesson plans specifically to use the components of the Personal Care Kits, including lessons in proper hygiene.

By putting our faith into action with Baskets of Promise, we make impossible futures possible. Please join us on this Lenten journey!

**Now Collecting:**

- Light weight, dark colored bath towels
- 4-5 ounce bars of soap
- Tooth brushes & wide tooth combs
- Nail clippers

# February Servants



## Acolytes

Feb. 4 Kashlei Emler  
Feb. 11 Addie Gustus  
Feb. 18 David Garber  
Feb. 25 Mollie Deines

## Ushers

4 8:00 Shannon & Joy  
10:30 Karl & Wanda  
Dan & Katie  
  
11 8:00 Shannon & Joy  
10:30 Merle & Terri  
Mark & Ken  
  
18 8:00 Ron & Jan Michael  
10:30 Larry & Rebecca  
(2) needed  
  
25 8:00 Julie & Cindy  
10:30 Nate & Cynthia,  
Joel & Freda

## Assisting Ministers

Feb. 4 Both Daniel McKinney  
Feb. 11 8 am Lan Nelson  
1030 Lori McKinney  
Feb. 18. Both Claire Palmquist  
Cynthia Woodard  
Feb. 25 Both Larry Van Der Wege  
March 3 Both Natalie Nelson  
March 10 Both Rose Marie Wallen

## Lectors

Feb. 4 8:00 Jim Parker  
10:30 Alexa Reed  
  
Feb. 11 8:00 Jean Kozubowski  
10:30 Katie Hawkinson  
  
Feb. 18 8:00 Ron Michael  
10:30 TBD  
  
Feb. 25 8:00 Lan Nelson  
10:30 Youth

## LENT/EASTER SCHEDULE



Ash Wednesday	February 14	6:30 p.m.
Midweek services	Feb. 21,28, March 6, 13, 20.	6:30 p.m.
Maundy/Thursday	Thursday, March 28	6:30 p.m.
TACOL Good Friday	Friday, March 29	Messiah Lutheran Church
Easter Services:	Sunday, March 31	Resurrection of Our Lord
	Sunrise Service	6:45 a.m. (Elmwood)
	Regular Worship	8 & 10:30 a.m.



## CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

<b>February 4, 11, 18</b>	9 a.m. –10 a.m. We will watch the Luther movie. Counts as 1 confirmation experience
<b>February 7</b>	7:00 p.m. Comparing religions
<b>February 18</b>	12-2 p.m. What makes Lutheran Special 8th Grade Class only.
<b>March 2</b>	9 a.m.to 1 p.m. Breakfast provided Worship, Apostles' Creed & Communion
<b>May 5</b>	Confirmation Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. (participate in both services)
<b>June 2 - 6</b>	Confirmation Camp @ Tomah Shinga Scholarship are available, upon request

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## CAMP TOMAH SHINGA

*Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; . . . The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced.* Psalm 126:1b-3a NRSVUE

When I read the words of Psalm 126, I thought of Camp Tomah Shinga. I recall all of those moments at camp when I have heard the laughter and the shouts. I see in my mind's eye remembering youth being youth taking a break from the stress and worries of life. I see youth laughing and shouting, playing games building up the community of Christ/the Church. I see youth gathered around a campfire roasting marshmallows for s'mores laughing, singing and talking. I see youth at worship sitting, standing, singing enjoying the word and Sacrament. I see in so many ways the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of all those at camp. I see the mission of Camp Tomah Shinga—Grow Faith, Build Community, Explore God's Creation being lived out. How exciting! We are getting the camp ready right now so people at camp can continue to experience the Spirit moving—the Lord is doing great things and we rejoice!

On March 10th, Bethany Lutheran is going to be having Jordan Valentine, Camp Tomah Shinga Program Director, preach. God is going to work through her to let you know about the awesome mission of camp. God is going to work through her to let you know what is going on the months ahead. The Holy Spirit is going to be moving and you will be moved. You will be moved as individuals and as a congregation. I give thanks that the Holy Spirit leads and more will be going to camp enjoying the shouts of joy and laughter. I give thanks that the Spirit leads so that all may realize and appreciate how the mission at camp builds the Church now and into the future. I give thanks that the Spirit leads as financial support for the camp grows. God is an awesome God! Camp is an awesome place!

When I read the words of Psalm 126, I think of camp. It is a place where youth hear how much God loves them. It is a place where youth can be youth. It may be the only time youth realize they are part of the Community of Christ. It is a mission that is so important and touches the lives of so many. I give thanks to God that I have and will continue to experience the laughter and shouts of joy in person and in my mind's eye. The Lord has done great things and will continue to do great things for us. We rejoice! Let the Spirit lead!

Thank you for all the support you have given and continue to give to the ministry happening at your Camp Tomah Shinga, it is appreciated! God works through your support to touch the lives of so many people. It grows faith, builds community and helps people explore God's creation. Thank you! It is through your support that the ministry will continue and more people will know about God's grace and love shown in Jesus the Christ. Thank you for all you do, it helps grow the ministry that happens at your Camp Tomah Shinga! Ethan Feistner, Executive Director

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