



Let the peace of heart that comes from Christ be always present in your hearts and lives, for this is your responsibility and privilege as members of his body. **And always be thankful.**

Colossians 3:15

FamilyLife
Radio

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Church and School Office Hours

School Monday - Friday 8am-3pm

Pastor Saturday-Wednesday 7:30am-3pm

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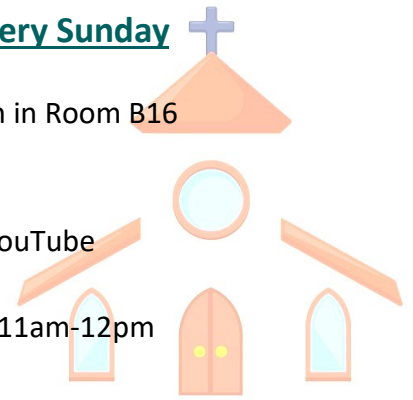
Join Us Every Sunday

Sunday Adult Bible Study at 10am in Room B16

Sunday Service Begins 11am

*with a Live stream available on YouTube

Children's Ministry also available 11am-12pm



Praise Team meets every Thursday at 6:30pm

If you are interested in joining please contact Ron Shively or our church office for more information.

Women's Bible Study

Mondays @ 3:00pm

Facilitator: Terri Denton

Where: Private Residence for more info...

Contact Church office devon.duncan@gobethany.com



SCHOOL NEWS

Enrollment for the 2024—2025

Enrollment for 2024-2025 school year began on February 1. Enrollment is electronically done through the Bethany website: Gobethany.com and you will click on the red 2024- 2025 enrollment button. This will be an open enrollment and space will be limited. Please do not wait to re-enroll your child (ren) for next year.

School Returns August 15th!

Things from Pastor

Conversations

Thank you to the 11+ people who have chatted with me in the past weeks. I've learned about the faith journeys, how people's faith is being fortified through Sunday morning and other times at Bethany, and the vision and commitment people have to seeing Bethany to the next level. Please be certain your voice, your perspective is in the mix! Contact me at bill.wrede@gobethany.com or 707.492.5061 phone/text. There are appointments available throughout the day and on Saturdays.

Have You Received "From the Pastor's Study?"

I send a weekly email that gives you some information about the coming Sunday, some other topics to consider, and whatever is on my mind. If you have not been receiving these emails, please send me your email address so I can add you to the list.

Oh, Give it a Try!

I enjoy exploring the Bible. That doesn't mean that I know everything about the Bible. Whether you have read the Bible from cover to cover or have never read the Bible except in church, I invite you to stop by at 10:00 a.m. in room B16 (music room, first room on the left when you come in the entrance closer to the dumpster) and see what you think. Each week will be a standalone subject. In other words, you don't have to attend every class to get something out of it.



A Letter From Pastor...

Newsletter

From Pastor Bill Wrede

August. Fact: The month of August is named after Roman Emperor Augustus. Since I never knew Augustus personally (insert laughter here), I'm not sure how I can use that information.

Fact: August is also the month in which my older brother was born. While I've known my brother for all 64 years of my life, he turns 69 this year, I'm no closer to finding a connection for each of us at the start of a new month, the month we call August.

Let's try this: Instead of the noun "August," what if we approach this month as an adjective. "August" meaning "respected" and "impressive?" Before we need to be taken to the hospital for therapy for nearly breaking our arms patting ourselves on the back, let's think about this.

Here at Bethany, we have just begun journeying together on a path that I pray leads us to stronger, more positive connections to our gracious and loving God and with one another. As we stand in awe of an august God, in deepest respect for our Lord Jesus Christ, we approach each day trusting He can use each of us to bring honor and glory to His name.

We are in Phase I of three phases during my time as your intentional interim pastor. I am gathering information, insights, and impressions from as many people as possible. Thank you to the people who have already given of their time and insight through conversations with me.

Fact: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) That's a connection *God has established between Him and us. How might we draw together with one another as the body of Christ in this place? That's the connection to this month!*

I'm very grateful for the conversations I've had with many of you in the first month of my time here at Bethany Lutheran Ministries. I am excited about moving forward **together in August and during the months ahead.**

Pastor Bill Wrede
Intentional Interim Pastor

Message from Our Prayer Chain

Terri Denton and Debbie Duncan coordinate the Bethany Prayer Chain. Anyone may contact Terri or Debbie with personal prayer requests as well requests for friends and family.

In Scripture, we are commanded to pray, making our requests known to God with thanksgiving (1 Thessalonians 5:17, Colossians 4:2, Philippians 4:6-7). God wants to hear from His people.

The Bethany Prayer Chain is committed to pray for your needs as they arise. Just send a text or email to Terri or Debbie with the information you wish to share. If you need to keep a request private, just include the information you are able to share. It may be as simple as "Please pray for my friend and their family."

Text or phone your requests to Terri at 707-365-9310 or Debbie at 707-310-3050. Email your requests to Debbie at dderba@gmail.com.

A Letter From Our Elder/Board...

Due.

To scheduling conflicts, vacations and no pastor the elders held their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 18th. Pastor William Wrede attended as is customary of the church pastor. Pastor Wrede, Bill, gave a brief history of his education, public and seminary. Pastor Bill communicated in detail his working routine, as well as his motivation to reach his desired goals for the future of our church. Pastor Wrede has a four phase routine to acquire the information needed to drive forward with excellence and commitment to action. We have already been involved with Pastor Bill in our service set up and the July 28th installation of all elders, including Steve Roemhildt. Let us move forward together as a family united, determined to maximize our future. Make an appointment with the pastor so he can gather the information he needs. May we help him to help us. Pastor Wrede is not going to be just a caretaker pastor. Pastor Wrede is here to move our church forward.

You Belong To God

Behold, what manner of love the father has bestowed on us,
that we should be called children of God!

1 John 3:1 NKJV

When parents send their kids to summer camp, they have to sign certain documents. One of those documents ask, who is the responsible party? If Johnny breaks his arm or Susie breaks out with measles, who will be responsible? Hopefully mom and dad are willing to sign their names.

God signed his. When you gave your life to him, he took responsibility for you. Guarantees your safe arrival into his port. You are his sheep; he is your Shepherd. Jesus said, "I am the good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me" (John 10:14)

You are a bride; he is your bride groom. The church is being "prepared as a bride adorn for her husband" (revelation 21:2 NKJV).

You are his child; he is your father. "You are no longer a slave, but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his air" (Galatians 4:7 NLT).

You can have peace in the midst of the storm because you are not alone – because you belong to God.

Article found by: Elder Dave Bowman

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Article for August 2024 Newsletter from Board of Directors

The recent Board meeting in July was mainly an introduction of Pastor Wrede and his views of his three phases of Intentional Interim ministry. Most of the time was spent with Pastor going over an outline he presented to us. The first phase being interviews with him so he can get to know us and what our likes and dislikes are regarding worship, hymns, Bible study etc. Those who would "like to put in their two-cents worth" need to make an appointment with him (takes just about one hour) and express your views for both the church and school. Sign up for a time slot, all opinions are honored and needed. We spend some time discussing the following:

Updating the school and church websites

Outside signage on where to enter the church for services

Update/clean up the list of keys to the facility

Installation of Elders and Board of Directors for the coming year will be held on July 28 in the regular service.

The BOD officers for the coming year are Keith Kondo President, Burt Endsley Vice President, Marilyn Pye Secretary and Bob Johnson Treasurer. Other members include Marcy Savala, Diane Irby, and Karen Mauer.

In Christ, Karen Mauer

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Worship Assistant Schedule...

Services	August 4, 2024 Sunday	August 11, 2024 Sunday
Elder/Worship Assistant	Ron Shively	Don Fortin
Ushers	Doug Conner & Leeland Hesterman	James Quashnick & Allen Owens
Lay Reader	Paden Chaney	Delores Orcher
Services	August 18, 2024 Sunday	August 25, 2024 Sunday
Elder/Worship Assistant	Don Henrich	Dave Bowman
Ushers	Jon Hammer & Claudia Huynh	Barbara Herman & Allen Owens
Lay Reader	Sue Henrich	Ruth Endsley

	August 4, 2024 Sunday	August 11, 2024 Sunday	August 18, 2024 Sunday	August 25, 2024 Sunday
AV Personnel	LS - Katy Sound - Keith Prijtn -Rose	LS - Kyle Sound - Katy Prijtn - Rose	LS - Katy Sound - Kyle Prijtn - Devon	LS - Keith Sound - Kyle Prijtn - Rose

Statistical Report– General

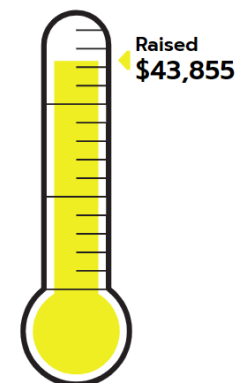
Date	Sunday Worship Attendance	General Offering Weekly Giving	Offering for Building Fund
6/30-7/6	55	\$1,163	\$100
7/7-7/13	65	\$10,510	\$1,300
7/14-7/20	71	\$2,841	\$55
7/21-7/27	74	\$2,273	\$300

Our Matching Building Fundraising goal is \$50,000. If we reach that or anything below, we will receive a matching donation of that amount at the end of this year 2024 to go towards our new church building. We are excited to announce that we are almost there at above 43,800 dollars raised since January 1st, 2024.

Our Total Raised Since we began the building fund is \$282,285.89!

For more questions please ask Devon Duncan
devon.duncan@gobnethany.com

\$50,000



August Birthdays

Scott Belyea	3
Leeland Hesterman	9
Nicole Jamison	10
Bob Johnston	10
Keith Kondo	12
Betty Anima	14
Tim Landis	15
Tom Millet	16
Pat Green	19
Connie Grammes	20
Frank Primrose	22
Robert Baumeister	23
Shirley Helmich	26
Karen Mauer	27
Barbara Herman	28
Allen Owens	28
Joyce Collins	31

Birthday Brunch Reminder..

Don't forget the second Tuesday of the month is the Birthday Brunch at BJ's Restaurant at 11:30am. Please call Shirley at 707-454-0413 to make reservations by 3:00pm the Monday before. All ladies are invited.

LWML



**Next Meeting
Sunday August 11th
Mite Sunday August
11th**
Look for the Mite Box in
the Hallway



Is it time to clean out your garage? Do you have items you no longer need? Fill up the trunk of your car and rent a parking space at the LWML hosted Parking Lot Sale –

**August 17, 8 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
1011 Ulatis Drive**

\$25

Call Pat Green at 707-365-3726

LWML Service Project August 4 to 25 - VACA FISH

Please support the LWML August service project by donating any of the items listed below. Look for the green FISH wagon each Sunday in the hall outside the Fellowship Hall.

VACA FISH furnishes enough food to feed the family for three days, or nine meals.
At Thanksgiving VACA FISH distributes baskets of food on the Saturday preceding this holiday.

Vaca Fish Food Pantry accepts the following food items NOT PAST the Best Buy date and in original, unopened, packaging:

Canned or Jars	Packaged
Soup	Breakfast Cereal
Tuna	Rice A Roni
Pasta Sauce	Pancake Mix
Chili	Syrup
Diced Tomatoes	Oatmeal
Jelly	Rice
Peanut Butter	Noodles
Peas	Macaroni & Cheese
Corn	Top Ramen
Green Beans	Cup O' Soup
Fruit	Crackers
Ravioli or Spaghetti	Cookies
	Snack and energy bars
	Popcorn

Letter from Pastor Pledger...

Thank You Bethany Family!

1 Corinthians 1:3 - 9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Cindy and I are very grateful to each of you! God has done, and continues to do amazing things through each of you and through Bethany Lutheran Church as a congregation. Thank you for your love, prayers, patience, and deep friendship. We pray for you often, and thank God that He allowed us to be part of Bethany's wonderful ministry. As you might have suspected, Cindy and I have (finally) completed our move to our new home in Peru, Indiana. Going across the country with a strong and energetic puppy was, shall I say, interesting. By God's grace, everything went smoothly, and we arrived without incident.

We did discover that the seller of our new home was, shall we say, "less than forthright" in his assessment of the condition of the property. During our second rainstorm we quickly decided that we needed a new roof (since the existing one allowed raindrops to keep falling on our head... onto our bed). That was fun. We're reminded of the movie "The Money Pit"! But overall, things are great. Harley has made herself at home, barks at deer and squirrels that walk across our property, has fun exploring the woods behind the house, and seems to think the basement is all hers.

We found a congregation in Marion, St. James Lutheran Church. As it happens, I am now the congregation's musician. Early service is traditional and second service uses contemporary songs every Sunday. It's great to serve on Sunday, and still have the rest of the week to do as I please. Just as "beach people; have surfboards, as a new Hoosier, I am now the proud owner of a John Deere Zero-Turn lawn mower. Exciting times! Since we've arrived, I've written a few songs. Since I don't sing anymore (at least not well), I have two in "production" and one that will be uploaded some time this week (July 23-ish).

Several people have asked about how they might know if a new song is uploaded: the YouTube page is: PMPOFIE; For those who are reading this via the Breezes newsletter, here's the link. [PMPOFIE is an old name that consists of my initials plus the word "of" and IE, which comes from where Cindy and I lived in So. Cal, the "Inland Empire." To be notified of new content, press the like button (if you like the song), but especially "subscribe" as it will notify you when something is uploaded.

Thank you, Bethany family, for being such a great congregation! Your generosity is unparalleled, and your mission passion, unmatched. Cindy and I will always consider you family!

Blessings in Christ,

Phil and Cindy Pledger

Ministry News...

Ministry Team Chairpersons

Altar GuildTerri Denton
AV Team.....Jim Witt
Hospitality.....Cathy Hesterman
LWML.....Pat Green
Maintenance..... Mike Dykes
Praise Team Ron Shively
Prayer Team Debbie Duncan
Sunday School.....Regina Montes
Youth.....Devon Duncan



"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again" (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

Loving The Lord -- Learning The Walk -- Living The Life



Coffee Hour Sign Up

A new sign up sheet for coffee hour fellowship will be going up for December. If you have any questions, please reach out to Cathy Hesterman,

Training on the coffee maker can be provided



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August Calander

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Bible Class-10a Worship –11a Fellowship-12p				6:30 Praise Team		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bible Class-10a Worship –11a Fellowship-12p	4:00 p.m. Elders in B16			6:30 Praise Team Devon Vacation	Devon Vacation	Devon Vacation
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Bible Class-10a Worship –11a Fellowship-12p LWML Devon Vacation	5:00 p.m. Board of Directors B16 Devon Vacation			School First Day 6:30 Praise Team		Community Garage Sale 8:00-1:00pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Bible Class-10a Worship –11a Fellowship-12p	Devon Vacation	Devon Vacation	Devon Vacation	6:30 Praise Team Devon Vacation	Devon Vacation	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Bible Class-10a Fellowship-12p Installation of Bethany Teachers				6:30 Praise Team		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bible Class-10a Worship –11a Fellowship-12p				6:30 Praise Team		

Pastor Bill Wrede's hours are by appointment.

Devon's Office Hours: Monday and Wednesdays in office 9am-3pm and Fridays 9am-2pm. Hours may vary following the Schools Schedule upon holidays or minimum days.

