

The Visitor

November 2021

The Newsletter for Bethany Lutheran Church
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DONATIONS TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Friends and Members of Bethany Lutheran Church,
Please wear masks; and social distancing will be observed.

We will continue with the YouTube channel (Bethany Lutheran YouTube Channel), and the Bethel Park TV channels (Comcast Channel 7, Verizon Channel 32) on Sundays at 12:30 PM and Wednesdays at 1:30 PM. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns at 412-212-8794.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Worship Service is at 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins at 9:00 A.M. each week

Please call me with any questions or concerns at 412-212-8794.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Melba

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER AT BETHANY



IN REMEMBRANCE OF YOUR LOVED ONES
ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 7TH



Sunday, November 7th is "Noisy Offering Sunday". Don't forget your change!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 16th at 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 P.M.



THANKOFFERING SERVICE

Sunday November 21, 2021 at 10:30 A.M., we will hold our Annual Thankoffering Service.



NOMINEES FOR 2022 COUNCIL



**DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR TO STANDARD TIME.
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 7th**



From the desk of the Pastor

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I thought this writing from Charlie Chaplin was perfect for our congregation at this particular time. Four of our beloved members have gone home in the month and a half. As we continue to move through the stages of grief, may we remember their love for us and ours for them. Remember their life lessons given to us. May we continue to hold each other in prayer and grace. Thanks be to God that he is here with us.

Pastor Melba

Charlie Chaplin lived 88 years. He left us 4 statements: (1) Nothing is forever in this world, even our problems. (2) I love to walk in the rain because no one can see my tears. (3) The most lost day in life is the day we don't laugh. (4) Six of the best doctors in the world: 1. Sun 2. Rest 3. exercise 4. diet 5. Self-respect 6. Friends Keep them in all stages of your life and enjoy a healthy life... If you see the moon, you will see the beauty of God... If you see the sun, you will see the power of God... If you see a mirror, you will see God's best creation. So believe it. We are all tourists, God is our travel agent who has already defined our routes, bookings and directions... trust him and enjoy life. Life is just a journey! So live today! Tomorrow may not be.





Thanksgiving's path to contentment

"Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content." –Hebrews 13:5
What would it take to make you happy? Really. In our culture, advertisements sell us on the idea that true happiness is always just one more purchase away. When we believe this, we put ourselves on the hamster wheel of want. No matter how hard we run, we will never get to happiness.

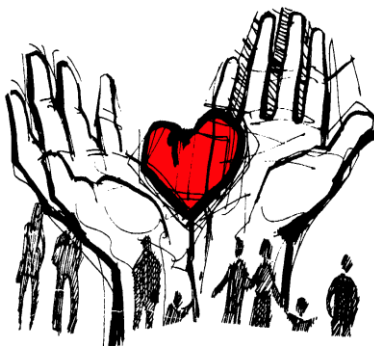
More often than happiness, the Bible speaks of contentment. The two concepts are often confused, but the distinction is important. Whereas happiness is a pleasurable sensation that rises and falls like the tide, contentment is a state of satisfaction that remains calm, like the surface of a pond.

God calls us to live contentedly, finding sufficiency in our lives, our relationships, and all we possess. We are enough. We have enough. When our essential needs are met, incessant wants do not infest our soul like itchy fleas.

How do we find contentment? Thankfulness provides a way. We give thanks for all we are and all we have, appreciating every blessing. Since this is the month of Thanksgiving, make a pledge to yourself this November to find contentment through giving thanks. Make a "Gratitude List" of everything for which you are thankful. Review it daily, praying over each blessing, "I thank God for" Add to it as you think of new things. May you finish November as someone who is not only thankful, but also content with all you are and all you have.

--Rob Blezard

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**Three Year Anniversary!
November 1st**

Thank you for your devoted and caring ministry here at Bethany. Congratulations and Happy Anniversary, Pastor Melba!!!

THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Date	Communion Asst. 10:30 AM	Reader 10:30 AM	Acolyte 10:30 AM
KIDS SUNDAY 11/7	Brendon Jenkins	Brendon Jenkins	Justin Keiser & Kobe Morris
11/14	Jane Scheeser	Doris Woll	Aiysha Dibble & Elizabeth Hartos
11/21	Nancy Shonsky	Nancy Shonsky	Aiysha Dibble & Drew Benigni
11/28	Jeannine Stowers	Ruth Lipinski	Kobe Morris & Andrew Parker

THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

USHER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Leigh Brooks will serve as Usher for the month of November

OFFERING COUNTERS' SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

The Offering Counters for the month of November are Chuck Conn and Nick Kratsas

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



NOMINEES FOR 2022 COUNCIL

*Serving on Bethany's Council is an opportunity to have your voice heard and more fully understand the daily operations of the church. Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee (Kris Volpatti, Chuck Conn, Cheryl Banner, and Brendon Jenkins) or Pastor if you wish to be on the nominee slate. **Last day to submit your name is November 14th.***

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*The election will be held **Sunday, November 21st** immediately following Worship Services. The purpose of this meeting is for the election of Congregational Council for 2022. **Nominations shall not be taken from the floor during the meeting of the election.***



Congregation Meeting - A meeting of the Voting Membership of Bethany Lutheran Church will be held immediately following the 10:30 AM worship service on Sunday, November 21, 2021. One item has been placed on the agenda by the Congregation Council for discussion and vote:

1. The election of five (5) members to the Congregation Council (Term: 2022 – 2023). Per the Bethany Constitution Section C13.02.02:

d. The list of candidates shall be submitted for publication in the various media of this congregation and shall be delivered by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law, to all voting members at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which elections will take place.

e. Following publication of the Nominating Committee's list, any voting member of this congregation may submit additional names to the Committee for inclusion on the list by letter or electronic means, as permitted by state law. These names shall be placed in nomination by the Committee along with the candidates already chosen, provided:

1. that such names have been submitted at least 14 days prior to the election, and

2. that the Nominating Committee shall have investigated the status of the proposed candidates and found them eligible for office and willing to serve. No qualified candidate may be omitted.

f. The Nominating Committee, at least one week prior to the election, shall post conspicuously on the church bulletin board the list of candidates for office.

g. Nominations shall not be taken from the floor during the meeting of the election.

Reminder: A “voting member” is a confirmed member who has ***communed in this congregation and made a contribution of record to this congregation*** during the current year (2017) or the previous year (2016). ***All voting members of the congregation are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.*** As members of Christ’s Body, the Church, it is not only our ***obligation*** but our ***privilege*** to make our voices heard as we prayerfully discern our Lord’s plans for the ministry which will be conducted in His name at Bethany. Please plan now to attend this important meeting.



THANKOFFERING SERVICE

Sunday November 21, 2021 at 10:30 A.M., we will hold our Annual Thankoffering Service.

The women of Bethany will conduct the great majority of the service.

In this season of gratitude we acknowledge and count the many blessings and the amazing grace our Lord has bestowed on the body of Christ and we acknowledge our gratitude and the link between that gratitude and our giving to those in need.

Please plan on attending this very special service.

Ladies – Don’t forget your Thankoffering!



SOUTH HILLS CHILDREN’S CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Peace on Earth, Good Will To All

Bethany Lutheran Church will host the South Hills Children’s Choir Christmas Concert from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Tickets will be available. Look for more information.



Choir practice every Thursday at 7:00 P.M.

Come join us!!!



PRAYER CHAIN

Anyone wishing to be on the Bethany Prayer Chain, please contact Terry Simony by email at admin@blcbp.org , or call the Bethany Church Office at: 412-835-9221.

“I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” (Mark 11:24)

PARISH EDUCATION

Sunday School news

We are off to a wonderful Sunday School year. I love your kids and they are excited to explore God’s word. Please mark these days in your calendar: Nov. 28th, December 26, January 2, 2022, April 17, 2022. There will be no Sunday School on those dates. Our last day of Sunday School will be May 22, 2022.



*We are looking for ten (10) Sponsors for our ten (10) Confirmation students.
Please contact Pastor Melba at 412-212-8794.*

MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION



SOMEDAY THE SNOW WILL COME!!!

And, when it does, the front sidewalk will need shoveled. This would need to be done Sunday morning, and as needed at other times. **If you would like to be added to the list of those willing to help, or if you have any questions, please contact Auggie Burns at 412-303-8820**
Your help is greatly appreciated.



GROCERY COLLECTION

We are collecting groceries for those in need.
We will be collecting the following items for the month of November:

- Diapers & Baby Wipes
- Hand Sanitizers & Paper Towels
- Canned Veggies
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce

Please leave the items in the Narthex. Together we can make a difference in the lives of many of our South Hills neighbors in need.

If you have any questions, please call Pastor Melba at 412-212-8794.

CELEBRATIONS WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION IN NOVEMBER



Happy Birthday to the following individuals:

1-November Leigh Brooks	12-November Adam Benigni	22-November Stephanie Corbett
2-November Rachel Unger	14-November Justin Keiser	26-November John Woll
7-November Joe Bianco	15-November Sheree Kuehl	27-November Skyler Yarroll
8-November Giovanna Wigand	18-November Rachel Wanamaker	



Happy Anniversary to the following individuals:

5-November Janice & Keith Currie	10-November Doris & John Woll
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NEWSLETTER

If you have information that you would like to appear in the newsletter, **PLEASE** either e-mail the information to Terry Simony at admin@blcbp.org, or drop it off at the church **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH BY 10:00 A.M.** for the **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**.

Veterans Day



TO ALL THE VETERANS...WE SALUTE YOU!

Thank you for your service and sacrifice! Thank you to all members of our military, in all branches, past and present, living and dead.














Happy Veterans Day to our military and their families, who sacrifice so much to keep our country safe and strong.



Bethany Lutheran Church

November 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7:00pm: Shamrock Manor Women's Club 	4 7:00pm: Choir Practice 	5	6
7 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY (NOISY OFFERING) 9:00am: Sunday School 10:30am: Worship  12:30pm: BPTV/YouTube Worship	8	9 7:00pm: NARANON Meeting 	10  1:30pm: BPTV/YouTube Worship	11 Veterans Day  7:00pm: Choir Practice 	12	13
14 9:00am: Sunday School 10:30am: Worship  12:30pm: BPTV/YouTube Worship	15	16 7:00pm: NARANON Meeting  7:00pm: Stewardship Meeting 	17  1:30pm: BPTV/YouTube Worship 7:00pm: Council Meeting 	18 7:00pm: Choir Practice   Newsletter Items Due By 10:00am	19	20
21 THANKOFFERING SUNDAY 9:00am: Sunday School 10:30am: Worship –  CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 12:30pm: BPTV/YouTube Worship	22	23 7:00pm: NARANON Meeting 	24  1:30pm: BPTV/YouTube Worship	25  HAPPY THANKSGIVING [Office Closed]	26 [Office Closed] 	27
28 9:00am: Sunday School 10:30am: Worship –  12:30pm: BPTV/YouTube Worship	29	30 7:00pm: NARANON Meeting 				

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH.

