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The Newsletter for Bethany Lutheran Church
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIME

The Sunday Worship Service will begin at 10:30 A.M.
God's Blessings,
Pastor Liz

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER AT BETHANY

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, April 22nd at 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council will meet Sunday, April 27th immediately following Worship Services.



EASTER FLOWERS



Easter Flowers are available for purchase. We will have Tulips, Daffodils and Lilies available. The cost of the Tulips and Daffodils are \$10.00 per plant. The cost of the Easter Lilies is \$20.00 per plant. A Sign-up Sheet is in the Narthex. Make check payable to **Bethany Altar Guild**.
Deadline to order is Monday, April 14th.



PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH

Breakfast will be served beginning at 9:00 a.m.
There is a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS AT BETHANY

The Church Office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
The Office is closed on Fridays.

If you have a Pastoral emergency, you may always reach Pastor Mayforth at 412-977-9392.



Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Holy Week is fast approaching

Palm Sunday, April 13: Breakfast at 9:00 A.M. and Worship at

10:30 A.M. On the Sunday of the Passion, we will participate in "The Cry of the Whole Congregation" by Walter Wangerin, Jr. Our service will begin by remembering Jesus's royal entry into Jerusalem, but the readings will help us understand why, in obedience to His Father's will, this obedience led to His death.

Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7 P.M.

We will gather to remember the Lord's institution of the Sacrament of His body and blood when He tells us in most personal terms, "given and shed for you." Here is healing for the wounds our sins have inflicted on us—that we might know anew that we are His forgiven people.

Good Friday, April 18, at 7 P.M.

We will use the ancient order of Tenebrae. The sanctuary is gradually darkened as we meditate on Jesus' Passion. Through Scripture, song, and prayer, we will realize that Jesus is the One for us to trust since He has conquered all the forces of darkness.

Easter Sunday, April 20 at 10:30

In Luke's gospel, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and another unnamed woman - all followers of Jesus - are headed to the tomb to pay their respects to their Lord, who they believe to be dead. Yet on that first Easter Day, they find not Jesus' dead body, but the stone rolled away and an empty tomb. Men in "dazzling clothes" suddenly appear and remind them of what Jesus had told them about how he would be raised from the dead. And the women, we hear "remembered."

It is time for us to remember, my friends. It is time to remember that Christ is risen! Christ is risen!

Risen in and for our lives and for the sake of the world. Risen for the poor and the wealthy, risen for the blue-collar workers and the white collar workers, risen for the Democrats and the Republicans. Christ is risen! and as that beautiful Easter hymn proclaims, "so we, too, shall arise." And "I, too, shall praise Him, with a new song."

We Christians are a very strange lot indeed, for in the face of trials, in

dark times we hold our heads high, we dig deep into our hearts, and we proclaim to all who will listen that the tomb is empty, and Christ has risen, and we, too, shall arise. This is our Easter story, this is our Easter song, and these are our Easter lives, woven through and through with the threads of God's resurrection work in Christ for us and the world.

Join us for our Festival Easter Eucharist Celebration. When we celebrate that Jesus is alive.

Pastor Liz



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2  7:00pm: Holden's Evening Prayer	3  7:00pm: Choir Practice	4	5
6 9:00am: Adult Sunday School  10:30am:Worship	7	8	9  7:00pm: Holden's Evening Prayer	10 SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry  7:00pm: Choir Practice	11 SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry	12
13 PALM SUNDAY 9:00am: Palm Sunday Breakfast  10:30am:Worship	14 Deadline to Order Easter Flowers	15	16  7:00pm: Holden's Evening Prayer	17 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.  7:00pm: Choir Practice	18 Good Friday 7:00 p.m.	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY  10:30am:Worship	21	22 7:00pm: Stewardship Meeting 	23	24 SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry  7:00pm: Choir Practice	25 SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry	26
27  10:30am:Worship Council Mtg. following Worship	28	29	30			

THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Acolyte
4/6/2025	Jeannine Stowers	James Palmer	Colt Wigand
<i>Palm Sunday</i> 4/13/2025	Andrew Parker	Beverly Mueller	Summer Parker
<i>Maundy Thurs.</i> 4/17 @ 7:00pm	Jane Scheeser	Karen Housam	Colt Wigand
<i>Good Friday</i> 4/18 @ 7:00pm		Jane Scheeser & James Palmer	<i>t/b/d</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i> 4/20/2025	Jeannine Stowers	Ruth Lipinski	<i>t/b/d</i>
4/27/2025	Elizabeth Hartis	Karen Housam	Katie Hartos

USHER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Dan Volpatti will serve as Usher for the month of April

OFFERING COUNTERS' SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

The Offering Counters for the month of April are Jane Scheeser and Sandy Burns



WEEKLY PRAYER REQUEST

If you have a specific prayer request, there is a Prayer Petition form in the Narthex. Please note your petition and it will be mentioned by Pastor each week.



The Evangelism Committee is seeking one or two persons who would be willing to share the duties of filming our worship services for broadcast on the YouTube Channel.

We would like to begin with worship services on holidays or special events.

If you have an interest, please speak with Ruth Lipinski or Pastor Mayforth for details.



Some things are never new... Like scam artists, con artists, or confidence tricksters. While the Bible doesn't explicitly use the term "scam artist," it does depict characters who engage in deceptive or fraudulent activities, such as Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus for money, and Ananias and Sapphira, who lied about their gifts to the church, which resulted in their death. Yes, every day we are subject to false promises and the exploitation of vulnerable individuals, including those sitting in the pews at Church. Investment Scams, Charity Scams, and Online Scams are just the tip of the iceberg. Join us on Sunday, May 4th at 9:00 a.m. for our monthly Adult Sunday led by Mr. Peter Dibble, who is a subject matter expert in the field (in a good way as a Guardian).

Refreshments will be provided and we will meet in the upper Classroom.

Thank You!
Pastor Elizabeth Mayforth



LIBRARY NEWS

We are looking for gently read and used books as we begin to reestablish and restock the Church Library. Fiction, Non-Fiction, Biographies, and Children's books, too, are all welcome. If you have books to donate, please place them in the adult meeting room, next to the Church office.

Thank You



CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir Practice is every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. Come join us!!!