

Parish Newsletter

August 2025



A MESSAGE OF A HOPEFUL FUTURE

As a new school year begins, we're reminded of God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11: "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." What a powerful reassurance—God is already ahead of us, preparing a good path filled with purpose and promise. But as we trust in His plans, we're also called to do our part. Show up with faith, work hard, and lean into the opportunities God places before you. And when you don't have the strength to do your part on your own, God is also there to help you with that.

So, listen for that voice of guidance, that "gut feeling" nudging you on your path. And be hopeful, because with the help of God, your future is so bright. But remember God does not promise all days of sunshine and rainbows. So, pray when it doesn't quite seem like it is going right or you're not quite trusting that your gut is telling you what God has planned.

Have a great school year. Go with God.

Al and Tracy Foss

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AUGUST READINGS

Sunday, August 3, 2025 8th Sunday after Pentecost	• Colossians 3:1-11 • Luke 12:13-21	• Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 • Psalm 49:1-12
Sunday, August 10, 2025 9th Sunday after Pentecost	• Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 • Luke 12:32-40	• Genesis 15:1-6 • Psalm 33:12-22
Sunday, August 17, 2025 10th Sunday after Pentecost	• Hebrews 11:29—12:2 • Luke 12:49-56	• Jeremiah 23:23-29 • Psalm 82
Sunday, August 24, 2025 11th Sunday after Pentecost	• Hebrews 12:18-29 • Luke 13:10-17	• Isaiah 58:9b-14 • Psalm 103:1-8
Sunday, August 31, 2025 12th Sunday after Pentecost	• Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 • Luke 14:1, 7-14	• Proverbs 25:6-7a • Psalm 112

AUGUST SERVICE LEADERS

August 3 - Pastor Gary Graff

August 10 - Pastor Gary Graff (Communion)

August 17 - Pastor Neil Lindorff

August 24 - Mark Ostgarden

August 31 - Pastor Brian Hanson

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter items can be sent to Tracy Foss at Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com Newsletter deadline is usually the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. September newsletter deadline is 8-26-2025.

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SCRIPTURE READERS AUGUST

August 3-Dave Anderson

August 10-Lora Cunningham

August 17-Aprill Hastings

August 24-Steven Hastings

August 31-

RHETT WILLIAM BAPTISM

Marley and Alex Hair, Washburn, welcomed a Baby Boy on June 28th. His name is Rhett William. He will be baptized at the First Lutheran Church in Washburn on August 17. Marley will be transferring her membership from the UCC to the Church in Washburn.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Another note....

Marley Hair and Laurie Papenfuss will be participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's in September. If you would like to donate, please reach out to Laurie. It will also be posted on my Facebook account. Thanks!

Bethany News

PASTORAL VOTE

The pastoral vote will be after church Sunday, August 3. We will be voting on two items of business, the pastor and the compensation package. If you are unable to be at the church on the day of the vote, Absentee Ballots are available in the church office. If you would like one emailed to you contact Tracy Foss via email: Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com

AUGUST READERS

August 3 - Brian Rice

August 10 - Crystal Holweger

August 17 - Karen Naastad

August 24 - Justin Foss

August 31 - Eileen Holt

BETHANY COUNCIL

The council met on Wednesday, July 16th at the church. The painting of the west side of the church is done. The rest of the church will be painted as well. No service at Rockin-R-Ranch this year. Looking at taking down an evergreen tree on the West side of the church. Still looking at fixing the cement at the front of the church. Discussion on procedures for extending a call to a new pastor. There will be no council meeting in August.

CIRCLE

There will be no circle. Bible study will be done at the retreat.

WOMENS RETREAT

The Bethany women's retreat is scheduled for August 12 (Tuesday) and August 13 (Wednesday). Each day will begin at 8:30 am. There will be Bible study, service projects, games, a unique craft activity involving clay pots, and of course Christie's delicious cooking. Items you will need to bring are listed below:

- Bibles
- Bible study books
- Scissors
- Rulers
- Glue guns
- Items for clay pot project such as: silk, flowers, ribbons, yarn, old glasses, anything you want to make your clay pot unique.
- If you have extra decorative items and would be willing to share, that would be great.

All Bethany women are invited to come. We always have loads of fun as well as a very productive time.

EAND WELCA FALL CONVENTION

The Fall Convention will be held September 27, 2025 at St Olaf Lutheran Church Devils Lake ND. Let Eileen Holt know if you are interested in attending. More information will be in the September Newsletter.

2026 WELCA TRIENNIAL GATHERING

The Triennial Gathering will take place in Des Moines, Iowa July 16-19, 2026. Find out more information about the gathering at <https://womenoftheelca.org/new-triennial-event-page>

REMINDER TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Osland Scholarship is available to seniors that are members of Bethany Church. Seniors need to write a letter of application which includes the name of the school they will be attending. The letter should be given to a council member. If you have questions about this you can ask a council member.

JANITORS/USHERS

We are still in need of a janitor/ushers for the month of September.

PRISON MINISTRY

The James River Regional Correctional Facility is still collecting yarn. They have also added a new project which is a knitted/crocheted heart pillow. So, in addition to the yarn, they are asking for donations of polyester fiber-fill to help them with this project. You can bring the yarn and fiber-fill to church and leave it in the basement.

JANITOR/USHER SIGNUP

Please check the Janitor/Usher signup on the bulletin board in the entry way.

COFFEE AFTER CHURCH

If you have a certain Sunday sometime this year you would like to bring something to have with coffee after Church - please put your name on the list on the bulletin board in the entry.

YARN DONATIONS

If anyone has yarn, any type, that you want to get rid of, bring it to church, we will send it to the EaNSWO convention in September, and from there it goes to prisons of ND, where they knit things to give or send away.

WEB PAGE

BethanyRuralHatton.com If you have anything you would like to put on the website contact Mark.

BULLETIN

Bulletin announcements can be sent to Lorrie Aamold Loaamold@hotmail.com or by leaving a message at 543-3806. Deadline for the bulletin is Thursdays.

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