

The Visitor

May 2024

The Newsletter for Bethany Lutheran Church
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DONATIONS

DONATIONS TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

If you wish to make a donation to Bethany Lutheran Church, please go to our website or Facebook page and click on the "Donation" tab. Or, if you wish, you could have "Auto Deduction" from your banking account, or pay by check by using your envelope and mailing it directly to the Church.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Friends and Members of Bethany Lutheran Church:
Masks are optional.

Sunday Worship Service is at 10:30 A.M.
Please call me with any questions or concerns at 412-977-9392.
God's Blessings,
Pastor Liz

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER AT BETHANY



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 12th



A Memorial Service for Phyllis Ruzicka, Saturday, May 18th.



NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY

Sunday, May 5th is "Noisy Offering Sunday". Don't forget your change!



LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

Sunday, May 5th immediately following the Worship Service to welcome Pastor Elizabeth Mayforth

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next Meeting is Scheduled for Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 P.M.



OFFICE CLOSURE FOR MEMORIAL DAY

The Church office will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day



From the desk of Pastor Melba
Newsletter for May 2024

RETIREMENT
only means...
...it is time for a new
ADVENTURE





The Foundation of Stewardship

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it. -Psalm 24:1

The Bible consistently gives us a countercultural and counterintuitive understanding of the world and ourselves. It's so radical that many of us can't accept it.

The idea is that the world belongs to God, and so does everything *IN* the world. Even *US!* We, who proudly think of ourselves as autonomous, self-directed and self-made, actually belong to God. In other words, we don't own ourselves. We are possessions of the Almighty.

Think about that for just a minute. We don't own the earth, our houses, our cars, our possessions, our animals, our children, or even ourselves. It all belongs to God. We belong to God. Though made in God's image, we are nonetheless humble servants – slaves, actually.

The reality that God owns everything, even us, forms the foundation for biblical stewardship. If God owns everything, including us, then we are responsible to God for our wisest and best use of the planet, our possessions, our talents and our lives.

Taking that responsibility seriously, God's people will prayerfully make choices that are in accordance with God's wishes. We will care for ourselves, our neighbors, and the earth. We will strive to love the Lord our God with all our being, and our neighbor as ourselves.

How are you doing with all this?

--Rob Blezard

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THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Date	Communion Asst. 10:30 AM	Readers 10:30 AM	Acolyte 10:30 AM
KIDS SUNDAY 5/5	Andrew Parker	Aiysha Dibble	Katie Hartos
5/12	Jane Scheeser	Beverly Mueller	Kobe Morris
5/19	Jeannine Stowers	Ruth Lipinski	Summer Parker
5/26	Cathy Irwin	Karen Housam	Colt Wigand

THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

USHER SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Auggie Burns will serve as Usher for the month of May.
Drew Benigni will Assist Auggie Burns on May 5th

OFFERING COUNTERS' SCHEDULE FOR MAY

The Offering Counters for the month of May are Sandy Lutz and Sydney Litzenburger

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



A Memorial Service will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 18th at 10:00 A.M. for Phyllis Ruzicka.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



LEMONADE ON THE LAWN -- SUNDAY, MAY 5TH

The Fellowship and Evangelism Committee invites you to join together for "Lemonade on the Lawn" immediately following the Worship Service to welcome our interim Pastor, Pastor Elizabeth Mayforth. Please come and help us to welcome her!

MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We meet every Thursday beginning at 11:00 a.m.



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



GROCERY COLLECTION

We are collecting groceries for those in need.
 We will be collecting the following items for the month of May:
 Diapers & Baby Wipes
 Hand Sanitizers & Paper Towels
 Tuna & Veggies

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 Liz at 412-977-9392.



BETHANY'S GRASS IS GROWING!!!

The grass needs cut and trimmed on a weekly basis.
 There is a schedule posted in the Narthex.

If you would like to be added to the list of those willing to help, or if you have any questions, please contact Craig Conn at 412-841-6343 (cell).

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Ed Irwin is scheduled for the Month of May.

Thank you for your help!!!

CELEBRATIONS WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION IN MAY



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5-May Richard Cardimen	15-May Mia Bianco	25-May Elizabeth Mayforth
8-May Jeremy Blocklin	19-May Nicholas Boncella	27-May Lucia Corbett
12-May Keith Hartbauer	19-May Cheryl Banner	30-May Betty McKee
15-May Linda Plesniak	22-May Jami Vargo	



Happy Anniversary to the following individuals:

1-May Danielle & Nicholas Boncella	18-May Karen & Ralph V. Litzenburger
3-May Syd & Ralph Litzenburger	24-May Jami & Michael Vargo
9-May Gina & Bob Monte	26-May Sheree & Mark Kuehl
16-May Laura & William Harrison	



PRAYER CHAIN

Anyone wishing to be on the Bethany Prayer Chain, please contact Terry Simony by email at bethanylutheranbp@gmail.com ,

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)



Bethany Lutheran Church

May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 11:00am: Adult Bible Study 7:00pm: Choir Practice 	3	4
5 <i>(NOISY OFFERING)</i> Lemonade On The Lawn 10:30am: Worship 12:30pm: BPTV/ YouTube Worship	6	7	8 1:30pm: BPTV/ YouTube Worship	9 11:00am: Adult Bible Study 7:00pm: Choir Practice 	10	11
12 Mother's Day 10:30am: Worship 12:30pm: BPTV/ YouTube Worship	13	14	15 1:30pm: BPTV/ YouTube Worship	16 11:00am: Adult Bible Study 7:00pm: Choir Practice 	17	18 10:00am Memorial Service For Phyllis Ruzicka
19 10:30am: Worship – 12:30pm: BPTV/ YouTube Worship	20	21 7:00pm: Stewardship Meeting 	22 1:30pm: BPTV/ YouTube Worship	23 11:00am: Adult Bible Study 7:00pm: Choir Practice 	24	25
26 0:30am: Worship – 12:30pm: BPTV/ YouTube Worship	27 <i>Memorial Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED	28	29 7:00pm: Council Meeting 	30	31	



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Looking for Signs of Summer