

# *Pews News*

## **June 2025**

The Newsletter for Bethany Lutheran Church  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SUMMER SERVICE TIME**  
Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday in June, July and August.  
God's Blessings,  
Pastor Liz

### **UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER AT BETHANY**



***HAPPY FATHER'S DAY***  
Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Next Meeting is Scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**[TO BE DETERMINED]**



**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN**  
Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Worship Service



Summer brings many changes to our routines, schedules, and comings and goings. Summer is notorious as the time for PCS'ing in the military (Permanent Change of Station), as if there is such a thing as "permanent". Change is constant.

At the synod level, Bishop Kurt Kusserow, who served our synod for the last 18 years, is retiring effective August 31<sup>st</sup>. A celebration is being planned for Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-5:30 pm at Lutherlyn (more details to come). We will be electing a new Bishop at our in-person Synod Assembly June 12-14 to be held at La Roche University with Dan and Kris Volpatti as our voting delegates. The list of nominees was created from the first *ecclesiastical* ballot (the name of any eligible individual) at our online opening session on May 17<sup>th</sup>. A blessing of our synod is that we have so many wonderful candidates to fill this role, and 33 pastors were nominated. I encourage you to go to the synod website to learn more about the [synod assembly](#) and the [bishop election](#). There is even a link to watch the assembly when it begins.

Churchwide is also in a season of change. The roles of the ELCA Bishop and Secretary are up for election. A delegation from SWPA will be traveling to Phoenix, AZ, July 28- August 2 to attend the Churchwide Assembly. Please continue to pray for the Churchwide Assembly – the voting members, and those discerning a call to one of the open positions. Once again, we are trusting the Holy Spirit to identify the person best suited to accompany and lead our denomination, synod, and congregations to be the church as God calls us to be.

This month, we are also celebrating Pentecost on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. It is that moment described in Acts 2 when the disciples received the Holy Spirit in the upper room. The beauty of that moment is that it continues to be present with us. The promise of the advocate, the Holy Spirit, to guide us, be our comforter, remains as true today as it did when Jesus promised the disciples the powerful presence and gift of the Holy Spirit. On Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Holy Trinity. A reminder of the amazing, powerful, loving, compassionate Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I pray you will remember Bethany Lutheran in your travels. We will be thinking of and missing your presence. If you attend a church elsewhere during the summer months, please bring their bulletin back and post it on the bulletin board. What did you find different? What new thing would you like Bethany to try? How was the experience? Sort of like the travels of Martin Luther.

Go with God, Be Well Until We See Each Other Again.

Pastor Liz Mayforth.



# Bethany Lutheran Church



## June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>  10:00am:Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  7:00pm: Choir Practice	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  10:00am:Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry</i>  7:00pm: Choir Practice	<b>13</b> <i>SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry</i>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <i>Happy Father's Day</i>  10:00am:Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00pm: Stewardship Meeting 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  7:00pm: Choir Practice	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  10:00am:Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry</i>  7:00pm: Choir Practice	<b>27</b> <i>SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry</i>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  10:00am:Worship  <i>Lemonade On The Lawn</i>	<b>30</b>					

# Summer



## THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

### WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Acolyte
6/1/2025	Andrew Parker	James Palmer	
6/8/2025	Jeannine Stowers	Ruth Lipinski	Katie Hartos
6/15/2025	Jane Scheeser	Karen Housam	Summer Parker
6/22/2025	Jane Scheeser	Beverly Mueller	Colt Wigand
6/29/2025	Elizabeth Hartos	Karen Housam	Katie Hartos

### USHER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Dan Volpatti will serve as Usher for the month of June

### OFFERING COUNTERS' SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

The Offering Counters for the month of June is Leigh Brooks and Mark Kuehl



### 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.



### CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir Practice is every Thursday at 7:00 P.M. Come join us!!!  
The Choir will sing through the month of June. They will be off for a time of respite during July and August.

Thank you to our faithful members of choir and our director, Patty, for sharing the wonderful gift of music! We look forward to your return in September.