



OCTOBER 2026

PEW NEWS

The Newsletter for Bethany Lutheran Church



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AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIME

Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.

FELLOWSHIP AND EVANGELISM MEETING

Fellowship and Evangelism meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 18th immediately following Worship

COUNCIL MEETING

Next Meeting is Scheduled for Thursday, October 19th at 7:00 P.M.

** STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BETHANY BABY BOTTOMS DIAPER PANTRY

Bethany's Diaper Pantry providing diapers and wipes for the children on Saturday, October 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

DIAPER PANTRY CREW MEETING

Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 11th immediately following Worship

BETHANY REFORMATION SUNDAY AND BETHANY LUTHER FEST

October 25th at 10:30 a.m. Mark your calendars for this day of celebration.

See page 4 for event details

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  7:00pm: Choir Practice	2	3 10:00am: Baby Bottom Diaper Pantry
4  10:30am: Worship	5	6	7 6:45pm: Grief Care	8 10:00am: SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry 3:00pm: SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry  7:00pm: Choir Practice	9 10:00am: SHIM Drive-Thru Food Pantry	10
11  10:30am: Worship 11:30am: Diaper Pantry Crew Mtg.	12 COLUMBUS DAY	13	14 6:45pm: Grief Care	15  7:00pm: Choir Practice	16	17
18  10:30am: Worship 11:30am Evangelism Meeting	19 7:00pm: Council Mtg.	20 5:30pm: Shamrock Manor 7:00pm: Stewardship Meeting	21 6:45pm: Grief Care	22 10:00am: SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry 3:00pm: SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry  7:00pm: Choir Practice	23 10:00am: SHIM Drive-Thru Food Pantry	24
25  10:30am: Worship 11:30am: Luther Fest	26	27	28 6:45pm: Grief Care	29  7:00pm: Choir Practice	30	31 HALLOWEEN

THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Acolyte
10/4/2026	Andrew Parker	Beverly Mueller	Summer Parker
10/11/2026	Jane Scheeser	Karen Housam	Katie Hartos
10/18/2026	Stephanie Corbett	Ruth Lipinski	Patrick Corbett
10/25/2026	Jane Scheeser	Karen Housam	Colt Wigand

USHER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Jim Palmer will serve as Usher for the month of October

OFFERING COUNTERS' SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Offering Counters for the month of October are 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.

*Pastor Appreciation Month*

Take a moment to appreciate our wonderful Pastor Liz!
We are blessed by her ministry at Bethany.

THANK YOU

*Thank you all so much for all the thoughts and prayers and flowers for my mom.
She had a love for flowers so she would've love the beautiful bouquet.
We have comfort in knowing she is at peace in a place much better place ♡
Sheree and Mark*

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mia and Sophia Bianco, Katie Hartos and Patrick Corbett, who have successfully confirmed their Baptismal Promises. While Faith in God is a lifelong journey, we will be recognizing them and their parents at **Sunday Worship on October 25th at 10:30.**

**LUTHER FEST**

Luther Fest will be held on **Sunday, October 25** immediately following Reformation Sunday worship. There will be a delicious lunch of German style food prepared and served by the Evangelism Committee. Think brats, hot dogs, spaetzle, red cabbage, German potato salad, Apple Strudel, German Chocolate cake, cream puffs, and Snickerdoodles. You don't need to bring anything. Just come with your beautiful faces and we will share some fun.

AND, participate in the "Beer Exchange". Just bring your favorite six-pack of beer and exchange with other members. Take home some new beers to try.
There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please let us know if you will attend.

GRIEF CARE

**Wednesdays, October 7th - October 28th , 6:45 p.m.
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2040 Washington Rd,
Upper St. Clair, PA, in Memorial Parlor.**

Grief Care is a faith-based grief support group, facilitated by Deacons of Westminster.
Grief Care is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one.

CARE BOX

Evangelism Committee needs your help. Do you have a child, grandchild or close friend that is away from home attending college this year? If so, please send their names and addresses to the church office. If you are aware of any food allergies i.e., nuts, please include that information. The Evangelism Committee would like to remember them with a **Care Box** as they prepare for mid-terms or finals. It is always a treat to receive a surprise package from home.

CARING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

If you are aware of a need for a member of our church family, please bring that to the attention of Pastor Liz. She will, using the utmost discretion, contact that individual or family to determine how Bethany is best able to assist. Regardless of the need, we have resources available to help. That member is also able to go directly to SHIM or the many other food banks, churches and individuals that provide these services.



HOME VISIT

If you would like a **Home Visit** or a visit at your care center from our Visitation Committee, please send contact information to the office. The Visitation Committee will coordinate this for you. They would be happy to serve communion, if desired.



UPDATED LIST OF ITEMS FOR SHIM

Neighbors like you help feed South Hills families, nurture children, and help people find their path to self sufficiency.

Most needed items for SHIM's food pantries

Pasta sauce in jars

Cereal and oatmeal

Low sodium soups

Condiments for baking (flour, sugar, oil)

Adult pullup diapers

Wipes

Dog and cat food

Personal care items (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine items, etc.)

Most needed items for our refugee and immigrant neighbors

Dried beans (kidney beans, chickpeas, black beans, etc.)

Lentils

Rice

Flour

Cooking Oil

Sugar

Spices and seasonings (salt, pepper, garlic, ginger, chili powder, turmeric, etc.)

Diapers

Martin Luther's Strange and Interesting Facts

Martin Luther, the 16th-century leader of the Protestant Reformation, led a life filled with surprising, eccentric, and intense personal details.

Strange and Interesting Facts

- **The Lightning Vow:** He became a monk after a terrifying lightning strike during a thunderstorm knocked him to the ground and he screamed out a promise to Saint Anne.
- **Disguised as a Knight:** While hiding from the authorities at Wartburg Castle, he went by the fake name "Junker Jörg" (Knight George) and grew out his hair and beard.
- **Translating the Bible in Hiding:** During that same stay at Wartburg Castle, he translated the entire New Testament from ancient Greek into everyday German in just 11 weeks.
- **A 450-Year-Old Toilet:** Archaeologists excavating his former home in Wittenberg in 2004 discovered his surprisingly advanced, sophisticated latrine system.
- **Farting at the Devil:** He famously wrote that the best way to drive away the devil—whom he believed he regularly encountered and threw things at—was through flatulence and mockery.
- **Chronic Health Struggles:** He suffered from severe, lifelong insomnia, chronic constipation, painful kidney stones, vertigo, and painful ear infections that caused constant ringing.
- **Beer Connoisseur:** He loved homebrewed beer, once writing that "whoever drinks beer, he is quick to sleep; whoever sleeps long, does not sin."
- **His Wife Was a Brewer:** His wife, Katharina von Bora (a former nun he helped escape in a fish barrel), ran their large household and managed a commercial-scale home brewery.
- **Musical Talent:** He played both the lute and the flute, and he wrote dozens of popular hymns to help ordinary people learn theology through song.
- **Not a Nail-Down Event:** Historians believe he may not have actually nailed his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door with a hammer, but rather mailed them as a letter to his archbishop.
- **Best-Selling Author:** Thanks to the newly invented printing press, his writings accounted for roughly one-third of all books sold in Germany during the early 1500s.
- **Name Inspiration for MLK:** Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was originally named Michael King Jr., until his father traveled to Germany and changed both of their names to honor the reformer.
- **A Fear of Idolatry of Himself:** Despite founding *Lutheranism*, he explicitly asked his followers not to use his name, preferring they call themselves "Christians" rather than "Lutherans."
- **Scandalous Advice on Marriage:** To keep a political alliance intact, he officially signed off on allowing Philip of Hesse to secretly take a second wife, condoning bigamy as a lesser evil.
- **His Last Words Were About Being a Monk:** On his deathbed in 1546, his final written note reaffirmed his lifelong spiritual identity, stating, "We are beggars. This is the truth. Amen."