



SEPTEMBER 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.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Next Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, September 22nd 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

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

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3  7:00pm: Choir Practice	4	5
6  10:30am:Worship	7 LABOR DAY	8	9 7:00pm: Shamrock Manor	10 10:00am: SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry 3:00pm: SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry  7:00pm: Choir Practice	11 10:00am: SHIM Drive-Thru Food Pantry	12
13  10:30am:Worship	14	15	16	17 7:00pm: Stewardship Meeting  7:00pm: Choir Practice	18	19
20  10:30am:Worship	21	22 7:00pm: Council Meeting	23	24 10:00am: SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry 3:00pm: SHIM Shop-Thru Food Pantry  7:00pm: Choir Practice	25 10:00am: SHIM Drive-Thru Food Pantry	26
27  10:30am:Worship	28	29	30			

THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH

WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Acolyte
9/6/2026	Andrew Parker	James Palmer	Summer Parker
9/13/2026	Jeannine Stowers	Ruth Lipinski	Katie Hartos
9/20/2026	Stephanie Corbett	Karen Housam	Patrick Corbett
9/27/2026	Jane Scheeser	Ruth Lipinski	Colt Wigand

USHER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Leigh Brooks will serve as Usher for the month of September

OFFERING COUNTERS' SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Offering Counters for the month of September are Sandy Lutz and Jane Scheeser



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.

I would encourage you to review the explanation of the Third Commandment of the Ten Commandments “From Martin Luther’s Small Catechism.”

We are reminded, “**The Third Commandment: Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. What is this or what does this mean? Answer: We are to fear and love God, so that we do not despise preaching or God’s word, but instead keep that word holy and gladly hear it and learn it.**” (ELW, 1160)

A bit of background on our Lutheran liturgy as a reminder how we conduct our worship services. The liturgy is the work of the people, and all of it is about worshipping God. Sometimes when we get caught up in our preferences or judgments, we forget why we gather together on the Lord’s day: To give thanks and praise to God, to hear the words of grace and truth, to gather with the body of Christ, to be awakened and sustained in faith, and to be sent into the world to tell the Good News.

The traditional Lutheran liturgy (often called Service of Word and Sacrament) follows a structured flow rooted in ancient Christian worship. It is divided into the **Gathering**, the **Service of the Word**, the **Service of the Sacrament (Meal)**, and the **Sending**.

Gathering includes the invocation, confession and forgiveness, an optional Kyrie and Hymn of Praise. The last part of the gathering is the collect (prayer of the church tailored for each Sunday. All may be spoken or chanted or sung.

Service of the Word has scripture readings that are selections from the Old Testament, the New Testament Epistles, and the Gospels. The gospel for the day is read after the acclamation that is spoken or sung.

Sermon: The pastoral message explaining God’s Word for the congregation.

Creed: Reciting the Nicene or Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church: Intercessions offered for the world, the church, and people in need.

Passing of the Peace: Greeting one another with Christ’s peace. (Covid interrupted this)

Service of the Sacrament

Offering: Collecting gifts of money, bread, and wine for the service.

Great Thanksgiving & Sanctus: Prayers of thanks concluding with the *Sanctus* (“*Holy, holy, holy*”).

Words of Our Lord: The words of institution of the Lord’s Supper spoken only by the ordained in this part of the worship.

Lord’s Prayer:

Agnus Dei: Singing or speaking the “*Lamb of God*”.

Distribution: The sharing of the bread and wine (Communion).

Sending

Post-Communion Cantic/Prayer: A brief concluding prayer of thanks.

Benediction: The official blessing given by the pastor.

Dismissal: Sending the congregation out to love and serve the world.

God's Peace to All.

**BETHANY LUTHER FEST**

Luther Fest will be held on Sunday, October 25th immediately following Reformation Sunday worship, There will be a delicious lunch with fun and games for all.
See you in church!

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