Take A Moment To Thank A Veteran

When you see someone in a uniform,
Someone who serves us all,
Doing military duty,
Answering their country’s call,

Take a moment to thank them
For protecting what you hold dear;
Tell them you are proud of them;
Make it very clear.

Just tap them on the shoulder,
Give a smile, and say,
"Thanks for what you’re doing
To keep us safe in the USA!"

By Joanna Fuchs
November brings with it an attitude of thanks as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving as a nation. We have much to be thankful for. The freedom to worship is one of those blessings. As a retired Army Chaplain I am grateful for this freedom. Serving as a chaplain, wearing a cross on my uniform, was a blessing, which I know could have been taken away by those who do not appreciate the need to worship God in any situation or part of the world. The motto chaplains carry with them is, "For God and Country." That certainly was my motto as I had to say goodbye to my family on several occasions and travel away from them. I believe that God blessed my military ministry as I saw many hearts turned to see Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

November is also the month we celebrate veterans and their service to our country. In honor of their service I would like to suggest two different opportunities to financially help chaplains and military service members.

One opportunity is to give a donation to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Ministry to the Armed Forces. A special bulletin insert will be in the bulletin on Veteran’s Day, Nov 11. Gifts given to this ministry go to providing help to chaplains and their spouses. Some is given to support chaplains who want to attend a chaplain’s conference each year, where they can interact with other LCMS chaplains and their endorser. Some of the money goes to Operation Barnabas, which works to help and encourage military families when their loved one is deployed.

Another opportunity is to purchase a Military Biblestick through “Faith Comes by Hearing.” These Biblesticks are given to members of the military throughout the world. They are a small device which allows hearers to listen to a dramatized New Testament. A $25 donation purchases one of these Biblesticks plus provides CD resources for family members of that service member.

Please indicate what ministry you want to provide for on any gift. This is a great way to give thanks for the freedom to worship we have in this country.

Pastor Dann J. Ettner
Chick-Fil-A to Partner with BLS

I am happy to announce that Bethany Lutheran will be partnering with Chick-Fil-A to bring nutritious and delicious lunches to our campus on Friday’s. Teachers, parents, and students will be able to place their order by Wednesday night to receive a hot and ready to eat meal. Meals can be various items such as chicken nuggets, chicken sandwiches, chips, salads, and much more. Complete information with ordering instructions will be disbursed as soon as the process as been finalized with the company.
Greetings from Bethany Council

"While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." John 12:36

Outreach: Children are taught about Jesus at Bethany schools: K-8 School – 100 enrolled. Preschool – 98 enrolled. Hew Hesterman & Diane Irby lead efforts to work with staff to plan Bethany congregation proactive outreach to young families for Christ. Great to hear the Preschool students sing joyfully & meet their families at October 14 service. Thanks to Jim Witt for planning & hosting the very interesting Sunday morning (9am) Bible studies. All members and School families are invited. Kevin Shaw is leading youth program efforts for 7-12 grade youth (check bulletins & Breeze for schedule). Please contact Hew or Diane to offer your help with outreach efforts.

God works in amazing ways to bless Bethany congregation & keep His work going forward. Thanks to Vacaville Fire & Police Departments who held a "pass the boot" fund raiser BBQ to help Bethany raise funds to cover extra costs that insurance does not cover such as teaching materials & deductibles on the insurance policy. 3 Bethany member families anonymously set aside a fund of $15,000 in November to match other member’s donations above tithe to help support Bethany ministries. Total matched so far is ~$11,200! You may still participate for a match by designating your gift above tithe to be matched.

Phillip Medlin CPA audit of Bethany fiscal year 2017-18 states that all financials are accurately reported. Green Stock Solar completed the Solar Power installation for Ulatis. Bethany is still waiting for PG&E to approve application to operate. Expected savings is ~$20,000 per year for electricity bill (return is ~10% on investment the first year). Green Stock will monitor & maintain the solar system for Bethany. Talk to Curt Johnston if you have any questions or ideas how to help with Bethany finances.

Property maintenance continues. Volunteers donate materials, work hard & are appreciated. Special thanks to Shawn Sanborn & Ron Shively for repair of Church office roof vent covers from August vandal damage. Thanks to Jerry Miller, Amy & Ron Shively for repair of church exit light. Thanks to Doug Connor, Mike McCall, & Ron Shively for Orchard office roof vent pad repair, clean, & seal. Thanks to Mike McCall & Ron Shively for extending porch & clean up north of Warren House for safer access. Orchard property is to be rekeyed due to loss of set of keys in fire. Please contact property maintenance leader Mike McCall for new keys if your volunteer service requires them & to learn how you can help with maintenance.

President’s Report

The tragic August preschool building fire resulted in no injuries, but reduced preschool space. Thanks to school & church staff & volunteers who worked long hours to prepare temporary space for up to 50 preschool students in Warren House, 48 in Ulatis kindergarten rooms including EK, & 12 toddlers in EC house. The EC house play yard still needs some better ground cover than gravel & better fence to limit child access to acceptable play area. Church Mutual Fire Insurance adjuster & structural engineer are assessing damage & are in discussion with City of Vacaville. Vacaville fire & police departments determined fire started outside the preschool building but were unable to determine who or what started the fire. Several recent teen vandals were apprehended by Vacaville police with help of video surveillance provided by Jim Witt. Data service is available with temporary power but fiber optic cable still needs to be rerouted to a more permanent location where power is available for internet/phone transceiver. Landscape water is still on temporary power. PG&E tested gas lines, but gas line is still capped off. PG&E stated reconnection will be a priority.

Bethany council approved the go ahead for MADI Architects to draw up new preschool building plans based on preliminary floor plans & obtain construction cost estimates in collaboration with Terra Realty Advisors, Bethany property planning team, & staff. Before proceeding far with the plans, MADI met with the City of Vacaville Planning Department during the last week of September to review and confirm that Ulatis site plan meets city requirements. The city asked for elevation views & said planning commission will need to review. Council will present status of plans & cost estimates to the congregation at the January 13 congregation meeting.

Stewardship: Offerings are ~173% of January 2018 pledges through September. Thanks for putting the work of Christ first in your finances. Read GoBethany.com, Sunday bulletins, Breeze, & Eagle to learn what’s happening in Bethany Ministries & to plan your participation.

Reporting for your church council,
Ron Shively – Congregation President
REMEMBER:
When you go to bed Saturday night 11/3, turn back your clocks 1 hour!

Alter Guild
Please plan to attend the Alter Guild planning meeting on Saturday November 10th at 10am. We will be setting the calendar for the next church year. All ladies/teens are welcome to join us. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Carol Schmidt with any questions. 446-3320

Christmas Wreath Youth Group Fundraiser
The Bethany Youth Group is once again selling Christmas Wreaths. All funds raised will go towards sending our youth group to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota from July 11 – 15, 2019. We are selling five types of wreaths.

- 28” Mixed Evergreen Wreath for $32
- 22” Mixed Evergreen Wreath for $25
- 22” Noble Fir Wreath for $25
- Noble Fir Door Swag for $25
- A Noble Fir centerpiece for $20

All wreaths will be delivered to Bethany Church during the first week of December. All orders must be in by November 4th!! So you only have Two Weeks!!
So please purchase your Christmas Wreath from the Youth Group this year and support Bethany. Note: We will be selling a small quantity of extras on a first-come-first serve basis in December, but to guarantee your wreath please pre-order today!!
# 2018 Statistical Report
## September 16, 2018 to October 15, 2018

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Average *Weekly* Worship Attendance for Current Calendar Year: 137

** Not all Bible Study Classes take attendance

**Total Membership**
- 298 Confirmed
- 344 Baptized
- 194 Households

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Numbers indicate totals for the year. Names refer to recent additions during the past month.

- **0** Children Baptisms
- **0** Received from Other Lutheran Churches
- **0** Released to Other Lutheran Church
- **0** Adult Baptisms
- **0** Jr Confirmation of Members
- **0** Moved without Transfer
- **0** Adult Confirmations
- **0** Jr Confirmation of Non-Members
- **0** Joined Non-Lutheran Church
- **3** Profession of Faith (Reaffirmation) Liashenko Family
- **0** Funeral of Members
- **0** Removed from Roster at Own Request
- **0** Transfers In
- **0** Funeral of Family or Friends of Members
- **0** Marriages
- **0** Transfers Out
- **0** Deceased; Svc not Conducted by Bethany
- **0** Funeral for non-member
Preschool Praises—Let's give thanks!

"I'm thankful for the fish in our room. Her name is Pinky Red"
"I'm thankful for the books at school"
"I'm thankful for sharks"
"I'm thankful for aquariums"
"I'm thankful for all the people"
"I like to be thankful for mermaids"
"I'm thankful for the slide cause it's fun"
"I'm thankful for trees"
"I'm thankful for all the toys"
"I'm thankful for all the people"
"I'm thankful for my mom and dad"
"I think I'm thankful for the playdough"
"I'm thankful we get to have snack"
"I'm thankful for Jesus and all His love and grace"
"I'm thankful for Bethany preschool"
"I'm thankful for God"
"I'm thankful that Bethany supports Christian education in today's world. It's fidelity important in raising kids in the way they should go"

The preschoolers and toddlers got to learn all about fire safety from Vacaville Fire Department!
November 2018

DID YOU KNOW...GOD IS NEVER LATE? Elizabeth was barren and quite old. She was married to Zechariah, a priest. Because God found them to be righteous, He blessed them with a child, John the Baptist. God values each woman, regardless of age or circumstance. His will for us in Christ is always good and His timing is always perfect. Until Christ comes again in glory, God’s people will continue to remember Elizabeth and the ways God wove her life story into the fabric of our salvation. Elizabeth brought the Messiah’s forerunner into the world. She comforted and encouraged Christ’s own mother and she confirmed the prophetic words the angel Gabriel had spoken to Mary, announcing the Savior’s impending birth. (Luke 1:42-45) So how do we do when God asks us to wait for Him? How do we endure the taunts of a godless society, Satan and our own sinful natures? Although we may doubt God’s wisdom and even His goodness at times, even when we worry over the details of our lives, as though we hold our destiny in our own hands...even when we grow angry at our circumstances and perhaps even at God Himself...even then, our Lord is wonderfully at work on our behalf. What’s more, our Savior’s bloody cross and empty tomb prove it! Advent is just around the corner...a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas, as well as the return of Jesus at the second coming...all in God’s own time.

MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY
Our Monday night Bible Study is in full swing. We are currently studying, The Heart of Jesus, Women in the Gospel of Luke. Terri Denton hosts it in her home at 521 Walnut Avenue, Vacaville. This is a great time for getting to know other ladies while learning God’s word.

NEW MEETING DAY AND TIME
We are holding our regular monthly meetings the second Sunday of each month at 12:00 pm (after fellowship hour) in room B-8. This is a way to allow more women to be involved in Bethany LWML. Please join us!

MITE CHALLENGE – April 2018-March 2020
Bethany is falling behind on Mite donations. Our new district list of mission grants for 2018-2020 totals 100,000. Bethany’s mite challenge is $3,100. A new progress board is posted in the Narthex and the grants are on the LWML bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please fill those Mite Boxes and continue God’s wondrous work!

CRAFT FAIR – November 2nd – 4th
Don’t forget the LWML Fall Craft Fair come and see all the great sales. Thank you in advance for all the wonderful baked goods!!! If you have questions, contact Kaye Grundmann, email is kawill43@gmail.com or phone 707365-4975.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
November 2,3,4 – LWML Fall Craft Fair. Sign-up for baked goods is in the Narthex.
November 11th - Regular meeting, Sunday at 12:30 pm (after fellowship hour) in room B-8.
November 27th – Merriment on Main.
December 8th – Cookie exchange luncheon and stuffing toy bags.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
If you have an idea for a mission project, please come to one of the LWML meetings. Many joyful hands are an asset and doing the Lord’s work is rewarding. Praise God daily and encourage a fellow sister in Christ through the spoken word, cards, emails and prayers!

Carole Wilson – LWML President
FROM THE MAT

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

In this time of political fervor, we continue to not only hear how we should vote but we hear all sorts of promises from individuals who claim the ability to fix whatever problems we are currently facing. In some cases, these individuals even become a messiah of sorts for those searching for someone in whom they can place their hope and trust. When these individuals inevitably fail, the world becomes more anxious and distressed about what will happen in the future. I’m sure there are all sorts of explanations for this phenomenon, but it is clear to me that this misplaced hope is truly an unrecognized desire that we all have for our true Lord and Savior and the peace that he has promised. Those who rely on the words of man have a false foundation and live in times of constant uncertainty, but we have the very words of our Lord and God. We can rely on His promises as He is faithful and unchanging. The same promises that He has given His followers long ago hold fast for us today and for those who will come after us.

As the world grows more anxious and uncertain in this present age, let us remember to share the great gift that has been given to us and spread the good news of salvation through Christ that is a promise which will never fade away; showing the world that by placing our faith in the true and only hope, we no longer live in fear of tomorrow because our sure and steadfast rock has given us the promise of salvation and the true peace that passes all understanding.

1 Peter 1:3-5

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. 5 You are being guarded by God’s power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Ministry Advisory Team

A note from Pastor Ettner:

I thank all of the members of Bethany for the kindness shown on Oct. 14th at the Pastor’s appreciation luncheon after the service. I count it as a privilege to serve you as Interim pastor. My wife, Barbara & I also thank you for the gift card. We used it to purchase some plants for our backyard of our new home. They will be a lasting remembrance of your kindness.

-Pastor Dann Ettner
Bethany Youth Group Update – Corn Maze

The Bethany Youth Group in October went to the Dixon Corn Maze. We first met at the fellowship hall and had a wonderful Lasagna Dinner, with salad and brownies. The food was delicious and we really enjoyed it. Thank You Ms. Irby….

A lot of the kids brought their school friends and neighbors to the event. All of us met new people during the evening. However, to introduce ourselves, we played the “Never have I Ever game”. During the game, everyone picked on each other to get them stuck in the middle. It became pretty cut throat, but in the end we laughed and had a good time. After becoming friends we were ready to get lost in the corn maze so we piled into the three cars to take us to Dixon. We were very prepared for the maze, since we had brought flash lights, phone lights, and a few of us had head lamps to conquer the night. A few of us even decorated ourselves with make-up and masks.

Once we got there, we bought our tickets and formed into several small groups. We plotted our strategy and walked into the maze. After getting into the maze, we tried to go fast to see who would get out first, but as we went in we all got lost right away. At the end of the night, Rachel and her group won the day in exiting first. We all ended up making it safely out of the maze.

However, all of the refreshment stands were closed since it was so late. In the end it was a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed the day.

Our Christmas Wreath fundraiser ends on November 2nd!! All funds raised will go towards sending our youth group to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota from July 11 – 15, 2019. So please purchase your Christmas Wreath from the Youth Group this year and support Bethany.

Youth Group Bible Study: We will be doing a new bible study during the month of November. All youth are invited to attend on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am. Some Sundays we even have Donuts!!!

Bethany Youth Group Event Calendar

November 27th – Help the Body - Merriment on Main - 4:30 – 8:30 pm, Youth Group will help out hand out cookies, set-up and breakdown.

December 9th – Honor God Event – Fellowship Hall (Puppet Ministry & Scavenger Hunt) 1 pm – 5 pm
December 16th – Children’s Sermon Puppet Play 10:00 am
January 20th – Honor God and Fellowship Event - Locked-In - 6:00 pm – 2:00 am
Bethany Lutheran Church—LCMS

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Church Services at Bethany Lutheran Church

Sunday Services: 10 am Variety of Traditional and Contemporary (Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

Bible Studies at Bethany

Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School—Classes for Everyone
Adult Bible Studies: "Psalms"- Bethany Women; Men's Bible Study - “The Bible Timeline" - facilitated by: Pastor Dann Ettner

Monday 7:00 pm "The Heart of Jesus" Women in the Gospel of Luke by Carole Wilson

Wednesday 9:30 am Bible Study “Psalms” - Narthex
5:00 pm “Ephesians” by Pastor Rittenbach
Bethany Lutheran Church

LWML Craft Fair..............................November 2-4
Church Office Closed-Veteran's....November 12
The Birthday Bunch @ BJ's ..........November 13
Office Closed- Thanksgiving . November 22 & 23
Merriment on Main .........................November 27

God's Blessings On You!