For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11 ESV
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOLS

Pastor Russ Hess  
Pastor

Natalie Hart  
Church Administrative Assistant

Cathy Mathews  
Business Administrator

Dr. Chris Smith  
School Principal

Cindy Miller  
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Debbie Duncan  
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Diane Irby  
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Mike McCall  
Shawn Sanborn  
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Jim Witt  
Rick Martinez  
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Ministry Team Chairperson

Fellowship ...........Cathy Hesterman  
Life Management.....Dave Bowman  
LWML ..................Carole Wilson  
Properties ..............Mike McCall  
Youth ..................Hew Hesterman

Praying your August  
Is filled with an abundance of God’s blessings

August Be present.  
Let the day flow with grace.  
Expect nothing. Give thanks.  
Surrender. Be open.  
Speak only kindness.  
Impart only love.  
Never forget you are not alone.  
Give so that you may receive.  
See goodness in others.
Greetings from Bethany Council
Jesus prayed for His disciples: “I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message … that the world may believe that You have sent Me.” John 17:20-21. Please pray for all in Bethany Ministries who are spreading the message of Jesus love & for all the people & children they teach.

Bethany Senior Pastor: June 30, Bethany congregation called Pastor Jason Bredeson to be Senior Pastor. Call documents were sent July 2. Please pray for Pastor Jason & Trinity Sacramento as they consider the call. Thanks to Pastor Russ Hess for his efforts as intentional interim minister. Office hours are posted.

Outreach: Bethany schools 2019-20 school year begins mid August: to date: K-8: 107, PS: 53 started registration. Hew Hesterman & Diane Irby work with congregants & staff to plan Bethany congregation proactive outreach to young families for Christ. Thanks to the leaders who plan & host instructional Bible studies. Watch for future studies on women of the Bible, parenting, personal finance, & joint adult & student exercise class. Your personal invitation can help friends & school families learn about Jesus love for them. Kevin Shaw leads efforts for 7-12 grade youth program. Youth are fired up after attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering in July. Thanks to LWML for the excellent outreach drama camp with 20+ children in attendance. Thanks to Regina Brown for teaching Bethany Sunday School. Please contact Hew or Diane to offer help with outreach efforts.

Property Planning: Terra Realty Advisors (TRA), in consultation with Bethany property planning team, MADI architects, Swank Construction, IC Engineering Geotech, Phillipi Structural Engineers, & Clabaugh Landscape Design prepared cost estimate for new Ulatis 3 building PS building: $3.4MM. Bethany may construct only part in affordable phases (1 to 3 buildings in phase 1) depending on insurance negotiations & fund raising efforts. Site plans have been submitted to city of Vacaville planning review to discover any major impacts required before proceeding with the project.

Orchard Preschool building fire restoration progress: Terra Realty Advisors reviewed Orchard burned building insurance estimate in light of the Ulatis preschool cost estimate. Discrepancies of ~$400K have been sent to Church Mutual fire insurance for consideration, thus negotiations continue. Church Mutual sent checks: demolition of south portion $68K, replacement of building $696K, & North classroom repair $91902. Money is held in a US Bank account with spend limited to building purposes. Code upgrade provision insurance estimate ($90,557) is available upon approved receipts of actual costs & can be applied to up to ~3268 square feet of new Ulatis building (size of Orchard preschool building). Bethany will wait for completion of Church Mutual Insurance negotiations before demolition of old building. Bethany has a contractor bid $66,183 to remove the whole burned building (except the electrical utility closet which provides sanctuary power & data service).
President’s Report Cont.

PS wiring must be removed from electrical panel, Tel Pacific conduit with fiber cable must be relocated from eves of building, & sprinkler controller must be moved outside of storage room before demolition. Bethany received $41K less $2.5K deductible for contents lost in fire purchased to continue preschool operation. More $ are available for the rest of destroyed contents (receipt confirmation required). Church Mutual provided checks totaling $100K for lost income & is still reviewing other items.

Stewardship: God works in amazing ways to bless Bethany congregation & keep His work going forward. ~$12,575 is matched of the $15,000 fund set aside in November 2017 by 3 member families! You may still participate for a match by designating your gift above tithe to be matched. Read GoBethany.com, Sunday bulletins, Breeze, & Eagle to learn what’s happening in Bethany Ministries & to plan your participation. Thanks for putting the work of Christ first in your plans. Council hired Michelle Aas as part time book keeper to begin soon. Michelle is a Christian with excellent non-profit experience & references. Thanks to Janine Browne, Pastor Hess, & Ron Shively for watching Orchard office while Natalie got a vacation. Talk to treasurer, Curt Johnston, to learn how to help with finances.

Property maintenance: Volunteers donate materials, work hard & are appreciated. Thanks to Mike McCall, Shawn Sanborn, Ron Shively for repairs at Orchard & Ulatis. Thanks to Scott Ledford for installing the new walkway entry gates at Ulatis. Thanks to Hew Hesterman for efforts to maintain beauty of facilities. Thanks to Mike & Shawn for opening a wall in Warren House to assist preschool classroom control. Please plan to help on the Ulatis clean-up days Aug 3 & 10 (8am start). Contact Mike McCall to help with maintenance & projects.

Bond Financing Renewal: US Bank started process to renew bond financing with Bethany property appraisal. Bond financing has enabled Bethany to continue ministry with very low interest rate.

Reporting for your church council,
Ron Shively – Congregation President, Shawn Sanborn – Congregation Vice President, Carole Wilson - Secretary
The Days of Summer

The last days of summer are already upon us. How did your summer go this time around?

This year, we spent several weeks leading up to the Summer by cleaning and refreshing our front, side and back yard. We were excitedly expecting our daughter to return home from her first year of college and also anticipating our son’s visit after working in his new career after finishing college. We were also celebrating our nephew’s first birthday as well as several graduations from high school to college.

Each summer I anticipate the smell of BBQ and all the picnic goodies that come along. I look forward to the warm clear evenings and the celebration of Independence Day and fireworks lighting the sky. I daydream about the breeze at the beach and trips to the Islands, whichever ones those may be. Shorts, t-shirts and flip flops are the attire for the season.

And suddenly, it’s already August!! Where did the summer go!? 

In California, we’re fortunate to have the summer weather last through August and into September. Sometimes we even have the warmth continue into October. But now it’s back to school and the start of the next period of the year. The weather changes, the colors of the outdoors change, our outfits change and we anticipate the next season.

I pray that your summer was full of wonderful experiences and lasting memories. As we move from this season to the next, let us anticipate the next season with excitement and joy and keep our eyes on the everlasting season when we will look into the eyes of our Father and our Savior Christ.

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:”
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Glory Be To God

Your Bethany Elders
Poppin Proverbs Drama Camp Fun
The Bethany Youth Group sent six youth and two adult stewards to the 2019 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN. The event was awesome! We spent 7 days learning about ourselves, about our Lutheran Faith, and about Minneapolis. The most important thing we learned is that we have a Real and Present God. No matter what happens in our life, God is here with us. He is our refuge and is our strength. We learned that God is real and that he gave his one and only son for us. We also learned that we are not alone. We celebrated, we learned, we praised god; we cried, we laughed, we sang, we prayed, and we communed with 26,000 Lutherans. It was truly an amazing event. It was a life changing event that will affect all that attended.

Some of the highlights from the gathering included a performance by TobyMac, 321 Improv, visiting Concordia University, Sunday’s worship service, the Skit Guys, the food trucks, attending the Mass Events at US Bank Stadium, helping out a local church during our servant event, collecting buttons, and then there was Carl. One of the best parts was getting to know each other as we became better friends.

The youth are now motivated to share what they learned at the gathering and start to serve god in the best way they know how. Therefore, the Bethany Youth Group will now be known as Bethany Youth Ministry, so we can do more to help out our community, help our church, and grow our faith in God. A Real and Present God.

We want to thank the Bethany Congregation for sending us to the National Youth Gathering. The next Youth Gathering will be held in Houston, Texas in three years. We are already excited about attending that event.

We will be doing a presentation in the coming month, so the congregation can experience the National Youth Gathering themselves.

**Bethany Youth Ministry Event Calendar**

August 10th – Help the Body – Parking Lot Sale / Fundraiser LWML
August 11th – Fellowship Event – Pool Party at Brownes 1 pm – 5 pm
# 2019 Statistical Report
## June 23, 2019 to July 21, 2019

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Average Weekly Worship Attendance for Current Calendar Year: 131

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**BETHANY LWML COMMUNITY PARKING LOT SALE**

Bethany LWML’s annual Community Parking Lot Sale/fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, August 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in renting a parking space, please send an email to Pat Green at imktzmom@sbcglobal.net or leave a message at 707-365-3726. Parking space rent is $30. Tell a friend.
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August 4, 2019

“Ever Get Moody?”

Do you ever get into a “it doesn’t matter” mood? Your attempts to make a difference in the world seem to go nowhere and you wonder why do I even try? It seems like Solomon was in one of those moods when he wrote the words in Ecclesiastes. “Meaningless, meaningless” is his cry. How can one change this type of attitude?

August 11, 2019

“Treasure Hunt”

One of the richest men in the world, Warren Buffet, recently had this to say about what is success. “Well, I’ve said many times that, if you get to be 65 or 70 and later, and the people that you want to have love you actually do love you, you’re a success,” Looks like he has some wise words there. What do we consider success? What do we consider of great value in our lives? Jesus takes a look at everyday life and it’s worries and contrasts them with real treasure. It’s the real treasure of God that puts everything in perspective.

August 18, 2019

“Can You Live Only on Faith?”

Many Old Testament saints are paraded before us as examples of those who lived, basically, only on faith. Many did not receive what they were living in faith for. Yet their faith in God’s promises kept them alive and hopeful. Can we live the same, or do we need tangible results now, in our time? Can you live only on faith?

August 25, 2019

“Are You Sweating, Yet?”

Toward the end of summer we become a little wearing of heat and sweat. We look forward to a cool fall breeze and perhaps a chance to wear jeans again and be warmed by a new sweater. Yet, perhaps that’s what God is saying in the Hebrew passage concerning discipline. It’s not really to make you sweat and collapse, but warm your heart and life to Him. God uses many people to help us grow more like Christ. Today, we value our Bethany Lutheran School staff and teachers as they guide young lives to know and follow Christ.
God’s Blessings On You!

Birthday Bunch Lunch at BJ’s Restaurant 8/13 at 11:30am
Please RSVP to Shirley Helmich by Monday 8/12
Bethany Lutheran Church

Church Council........................................................................................................Aug 5th
Birthday Bunch @ BJ’s 11:30am............................................................................Aug 13th
Worship Committee 7pm......................................................................................Aug 8th
LWML Parking Lot Sale........................................................................................Aug 10th
Elder meeting 11:30am.........................................................................................Aug 11th
LWML meeting 12:30pm.......................................................................................Aug 11th
Bethany Lutheran All Staff Orientation..............................................................Aug 12th
Bethany Lutheran’s All School Ice Cream Social @ Ulatis.........................Aug 12th 6-7pm
Ulatis Campus Back to School Night/Orientation........................................Aug 13th 6-7pm
Orchard Campus Back to School Night/Orientation..................................Aug 14th 6-7pm
Bethany Lutheran School’s 1st Day of School.................................................Aug 15th
Bethany Lutheran Preschool’s 1st Day of School..............................................Aug 19th

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: “Great Women of the Bible” - Facilitated by Pastor Hess
Monday 7:00 pm Bible Study "Jesus Dies and Rises to Save Us" - Denton Home
Wednesday 9:30 am Bible Study “Psalms” - Narthex
5:00 pm “Ephesians” by Pastor Rittenbach