

Bethany's Breeze-Way...

... a one-page summary of important decisions and events.

Bethany Ministries: Three Critical Targets

Reaching UP: Inspiring Worship
Reaching IN: Empowering Leaders
Reaching OUT: Changing Lives

Key Bible Verse: Mark 4:26 –29

“The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<p>Church Council: Praise reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bethany just received Payroll Protection Plan full loan forgiveness from the federal Small Business Administration.2. LCEF refinance & payoff of USBANK loan is scheduled to complete before Christmas.3. Thanks to Shawn Sanborn, Doug Connor, & Ron Shively for repair of Ulatis walkway lights.4. Thanks to treasurer Bob Johnson for reconciling Bethany financial books to the audit & June-October bank statements.5. Eight new Bethany members: David Stephens, Brenda Stephens, Joyce Collins, Dr. Chris Smith, Natalie Hart, James Quashnick, Korey Johnson, and Jane O'Brien	<p>Elders:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Christmas Eve service will be prerecorded and be available for viewing on YouTube.2. Starting January 10, 2021 we plan on having the church open for Sunday worship inside the sanctuary. Services will be at 8:30 and 11:00 am. We will follow the same covid protocols as we followed in the past.3. Pastor will be out of town on December 27th. The service will be Elder led, with a prerecorded sermon from Pastor.4. Jerry Miller will be stepping down from his position of an elder effective January 1st .
<p>Youth: Thanks to the Congregation for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting the Wreath Fundraiser.• Thanks to Veronica Shaw, Sam Scully, James Quashnick, and Dani Johnson who continue to attend Bible Study and youth events.• Thanks to all the Youth who are doing Christmas Cards for the Seniors at Magnolia Court. <p>Merry Christmas to everyone!</p>	<p>School Advisory Team (SAT): The role of the School Advisory Team (SAT) is to provide support, advice and counsel to the Principal in working toward a high level of spiritual, educational and personal development for the students. Currently, the SAT is seeking to develop a 6-week program for the upcoming season of Lent that helps develop important spiritual disciplines between students and their parents using the “Faith Inkubators” system.</p>
<p>Matching Fund: The Bethany Lutheran Matching Fund account is at: \$66,371.44! The blessings keep coming in!</p>	<p>LWML: <u>Reminder:</u> Please remember to fill your mite boxes! Our fourth quarter MITES to District are due soon! Our Christmas Tree lighting was a great success. There was caroling, cookies and hot chocolate. Thank you to all who attended! LWML wishes everyone in the Bethany family a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!</p>