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Welcomes everyone into Christ's family.

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August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Free Store 11am-1pm And 4pm-6pm 5pm-9pm FFLC Day Camp	2 5pm-9pm FFLC Day Camp	3 9:30am Zumba Gold 1pm-4m PEO- Chapt. Z 5pm-9pm FFLC Day Camp 8pm FFLC Ice cream social	4 10am coffee fellowship	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10am Sunday Worship in person, Facebook live, & AM600 or FM93.5 2pm Jacob Beckon Choir performance		9:30am Zumba Gold	9am Quilting	9:30am Zumba Gold 10am-2pm Blood Drive at Bethany	10am coffee fellowship	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9am Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship in person, Facebook live, & AM600 or FM93.5		9:30am Zumba Gold	9am Quilting	9:30am Zumba Gold 8:30am-10pm Bethany Volunteer Day at U.P. State Fair	10am coffee fellowship	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31		
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Dear Friends in Christ,

It is that time again. Stores are filled with backpacks, pencils, and folders. Teachers are counting down on the calendar, with mixed emotions, the days until inservice. You know families squeezing last minute vacations into a long weekend. You are trying to squeeze the last bit of summer fun into your schedule. School is just around the corner. Summer days are growing shorter.

It is a time of preparation and expectation. Whether this time is filled with joyful anticipation or with heavy dread it can't be avoided. We even feel it at church! As we gear up for another year of Sunday School, confirmation classes, and faith formation of all kinds we see the schedule fill. How will it all be done? Will there be enough teachers? Is there enough time in people's schedules for faith formation?

I wonder, do you find yourself worrying about what is to come? As we anticipate the changing of the seasons, are you worried about what will be? Will there be enough for everyone's school supplies? How are we going to make everyone's schedules work?

Our first Sunday in August features a story in the Gospel where the disciples have similar concerns. A large crowd has gathered to hear Jesus teach. But it's lunch time and there's not enough food for the thousands. Some call it a miracle. Some call it the contagion of sharing. But, by the end of the day there's enough food for everyone. Actually, there's more than enough food for everyone.

In the month ahead I hope your planning goes well. But, I also hope you find time to enjoy the fleeting moments of summer. We can ask the question, will there be enough? We can make plans to ensure our needs are met. But, behind it all is God who provides what we need. Perhaps, it's a miracle. Perhaps, it's people gathered together sharing what they have with their neighbors.

We share our burdens and our joys. We share our scarcity and abundance, trusting that it all comes from God. We are all one in our need for Jesus. That meal that Jesus gives to us chases us down our whole lives. In times of rest and in times of preparation you will be fed. There's more than enough.

Peace to you,
Pastor Lily



August Birthdays

- August 1 Mike Connor
Hattie Farrell
Jeffrey Forvilly
Jean Sovey
- August 3 Susan Scott
- August 4 Gary Salo
- August 5 Brooke Prins
- August 6 Chrysta Christensen
Brian Kaven
- August 7 Emily Miller
- August 9 Axel Madden
Gabi Salo
- August 10 Kacey Lofquist
- August 11 Beverly Flourde
Chase Richer
- August 12 Elaine Nelson
- August 13 David Andrews
Richard Servant
- August 14 Wally Flinn
George Rubright
- August 16 Will Carne
- August 17 Matt Butryn
- August 18 Matthew Kaven
Lily Lofquist
- August 19 Faith Lancour
Demi Torro
Heather Worsfold
- August 20 Sherry Dagenais
- August 21 Chris Anderson
- August 22 Mary Anderson
Leroy Cooper
- August 24 Andrea Jackson
Alice Jones
Mitchel West
- August 25 Ronald Nelson
- August 26 Judi LaCosse
Fay Nyquist
- August 27 Wendy Howerton
- August 28 Kamden DeLany
Tom Fugere
- August 29 Dan Bourdeau
Martina Jacobson
- August 31 Gerald Anderson
JoLeigh Dagenais



August Anniversaries

- August 4 Jerome & Carol Sachinski 61 years
- August 7 Jason & Shayne Dix 24 years
- August 8 Dale & Debbie Mokszycke 42 years
- August 9 James & Janice Bureau 26 years
Steve & Maripatt Lindahl 43 years
- August 12 Michael & Kim Kallio 45 years
- August 13 Jon & Kerri Lancour 29 years
- August 18 Jacob & LeAnne Gartland 5 years
- August 20 John & Kim Beck 35 years
- August 23 Thomas & Linda Morin 32 years
- August 24 Keith & Lisa Anderson 21 years
Kent & Sandy Anderson 49 years
Ronald & Brenda Nelson 49 years



Radio Ministry

Each week our worship is broadcast on radio stations AM600 and FM 93.5. These broadcasts reach countless folks with our ministry and message. The cost to support a week is \$90. You may dedicate the broadcast for special events and memorials.

AVAILABLE RADIO SPONSORS 2023 (\$90): August 27; September 17, October 8, 15, 29; November 12, 26; December 24, 31



Floral Ministry

Each week our altar is adorned with fresh flower arrangements. Two large vases of beautiful flowers help us prepare our altar for worship and are available to be picked up by those who sponsored them. The cost to support one week's floral ministry is \$17. Like the radio broadcast you may dedicate the flowers for special events and memorials.

AVAILABLE FLOWER SPONSORS 2023 (\$17): September 17, 29; October 29; November 12, 19; December 17, 31



JUST MEEZ-
will meet Friday,
August 18th, 6pm at
House of Ludington.
Call Ardith at 906-786-
4431 if you would like
to attend.



Bethany Lutheran
Church
Free Store

Bethany's Free Store will be opening again on Tuesday, September 5th! Our Free Store will allow those who are lower-income and/or eligible for Michigan Bridge cards to receive non-food items that cannot be purchased with their Bridge Cards.

Since our beginning we have registered and helped over 400 families.

We are in need of a couple volunteers for our 4pm to 6pm shift. Please contact the office if you can help. (906) 786-6642

If you are aware of any families in need, please encourage them to register and shop the Free Store.



**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
WANTED**

If you are interested in hosting a coffee hour after Sunday worship? Call the church office!

**DO YOU KNOW ABOUT
OUR CRISIS FUND?**



Our crisis fund allows us to meet the needs of individuals and families in emergency situations. We have the crisis fund to help a family after a house fire, to buy formula for a new mother, and to cover rent while someone waits for their disability to come through. Bethany's crisis fund allows us to show up in the midst of people's worst moments and make real God's grace in their lives.

This fund is entirely supported by your financial gifts. Interested in giving to the crisis fund? You can designate any gift to this fund! Contact Pastor Lily at (906) 746-6642 for more information.



***"Crafts with Kids" at
the U.P State Fair
Needs Volunteers***

The 2023 "Crafts with Kids" table will be in memory of Elaine Peterson who passed on June 24th. She enjoyed volunteering every year and helping kids make cute crafts to take home.

We are still looking for volunteers on:
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY from 1pm to 5pm. The sign up sheets are in the Narthex and circle drive entrance.



**COMMUNITY BLOOD
DRIVE**

August 10, 10am-2pm

Bethany is hosting a blood drive for the UP Regional Blood Center on Thursday, August 10th. **Walk-ins are welcome-** please spread the word and help make a difference!

Did you know all donations made with the UP Regional Blood Center are supplied to local hospitals? That means your donation will help save lives right here in the UP!



Bethany Youth Backpack Drive

We will collect items throughout August, and kids will assemble backpacks on Rally Sunday!

August 6
Pencils, colored pencils, & crayons

August 13
Notebooks and pocket folders

August 20
Glue sticks, scissors, & pencil sharpeners

August 27
Dry erase markers, dry erase eraser

Backpacks will be accepted all month long! Thanks for supporting this youth project!

Bethany students age pre-K through 5th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school throughout the school year. We kick off our Sunday school season during Rally Sunday, where parents are invited to register their kiddos for a year of faith building and bible story fun.

NEW THIS YEAR, we ask that Sunday School kids be dropped off at our Sunday School classroom before the Sunday morning service. We will have our Sunday school time together, and rejoin the congregation during Communion. We are excited to have the kids experience the Lord's Table with their families, as they come for either a blessing or Communion.

At Rally Sunday in Ludington Park, kids are invited to bring their school backpacks for a Blessing of the Backpacks. After the service, everyone is invited to stay for a potluck lunch and fellowship. There will be games and activities for all the kids, as well as a Backpack Drive service project they can participate in. It's going to be an awesome way to kick off our Sunday School year!!!



Sunday School Registration / Information Updates

Parent / Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Text? Y / N

Children Name(s)	Birthday	Grade
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Have your child(ren) received their First Communion? _____

