



# The *Echo*

Glorifies God, Serves all people,  
Welcomes everyone into Christ's family.

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# November 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 10am All Saints Sunday Worship in person, Facebook live, & AM600 or FM93.5 11am-coffee fellowship 3pm Installation of Melissa Salminen at Trinity Lutheran in Stonington	5 10am Social Ministry	6 9:30am Zumba Gold 11am-1pm Free Store 4pm-6pm Free Store 7pm Choral Society	7 9am Quilting	8 10am Bible Study 3:45pm Kim Beck's piano group lesson 6pm-PEO Banquet in Fellowship Hall	9 10am coffee fellowship	10 10am coffee fellowship
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18 10am Sunday Worship in person, Facebook live, & AM600 or FM93-5	19 5:45pm-Property Committee Meeting 6:30pm-Church Council Meeting	20 9:30am Zumba Gold 1pm- Bethany Gems 6pm Ecumenical Service at Central United Methodist & pie night! 7pm Choral Society	21 9am Quilting	22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING Office closed	23 Office Closed	24 Office Closed
25 10am Sunday Worship in person, Facebook live, & AM600 or FM93-5 11am Confirmation Class	26 5pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting	27 9:30am Zumba Gold 7pm Choral Society	28 9am Quilting	29 9:30am Zumba Gold 10am Bible Study	30 4pm Deck the Halls at Bethany	1 4pm Deck the Halls at Bethany

## From Generation to Generation

In our house, we have a monthly finance meeting. Yes, Alex and I call our conversations about our household budget finance meetings. Any member of the household can call a finance meeting to talk about anything. While the meeting agenda can be flexible, our rules of procedure are not.

**Rule #1)** Finance meetings are allowed to last up to 15 minutes.

**Rule #2)** Bring a refreshing drink to the finance meeting. Whether it be hot tea or a favorite beer we come to the meeting with hydration.

We like to keep it light. Household finances can be stressful conversations. Planning for your future, financially can be scary and be filled with uncertainty. Money is not our favorite thing to talk about, but in these conversations, we have developed a spiritual practice for ourselves. We ask ourselves, “Where are we giving our money?”

As people, called by God through the waters of baptism, it’s as important of a question as, “How much money will we spend on food?” or “What work does the house need next year?” How do we live out our calling to love our neighbor, serve God, and welcome all people through our financial habits? Everything we have, whether it feels like too little or too much, comes from God. We are stewards of these gifts. How do we steward God’s generosity in our lives?

Perhaps your household doesn’t have finance meetings. What time do you take to sit down with yourself or with your family to reflect on your role as stewards of God’s generosity? Our stewardship verse for reflection this season comes from Matthew 6:21.

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

The treasure of our time, talent, and resources guide our devotion, passion, and care. Where is God calling you? Where do your gifts align with the needs of our world? I encourage you to ask some of these questions as you go about your day-to-day life. From making household budgets to grocery shopping to picking up kids from school: how is God’s generosity present in your life?

Peace,

Pastor Lily



FROM GENERATION  
TO GENERATION





## November Birthdays

- Nov 1 Olivia Anderson  
Nov 2 Shayne Dix  
    Jerine LaBelle  
Nov 3 Teresa Anderson  
Nov 4 Christine Hinkle  
Nov 5 Easton Miller  
Nov 7 Linda Cavadeas  
    Jase Nelson  
Nov 9 Darrel Bengry  
    Paige Cavadeas  
Nov 12 Phil Christensen  
Nov 13 Daryl Beauchamp  
Nov 14 Mya Jacobsen  
Nov 15 Kathy McCreery  
Nov 16 Michael Anthony  
    Zachery Lancour  
    Sam Strand  
    Henry Worsfold  
Nov 17 Jeremy Britton  
    Linnea Britton  
    Ruth Vinette  
Nov 19 Jack Bennett  
    Erika Carne  
    Trenton Forvilly  
    Keith Jackson  
    Paul Roll  
Nov 20 Jill Decker  
Nov 21 Bonnie King  
Nov 22 Toni West  
Nov 23 Mary Anthony  
Nov 24 Christine Anderson  
    Priscilla Anderson  
Nov 27 James Wilson  
Nov 30 Katherine Olsen



## November Anniversaries

- Nov 8 Paul & Betsy Dagenais      15 years  
Nov 26 Randal & Debra Johnsen      30 years  
Nov 30 Paul & Kim Carne      27 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):

November 12, 26; December 24



## 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 (\$17.50):

November 12, 19; December 17



## Bethany Lutheran Church Free Store News

**Bethany's Free Store will be opening again on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** Colder weather generally brings a larger burden to those in need. The Bethany Lutheran Free Store gives us an opportunity to help ease some of that burden.

Please consider volunteering an hour or 2 each month to help serve those in need. Product donation or cash is also a great way to help ease the burden. Although we need bodies each month, we are looking for a couple extra people for our December Store. We will be serving hot chocolate and cookies to our shoppers at our December 5<sup>th</sup> session. We will need donations of cookies and 2 extra people to assist with serving for our 11-1 store and 1 or 2 for our 4-6 store. This would be a great way to see the goings on of the Free Store and experience firsthand the thankfulness of those in need. The Bethany Lutheran Free Store served 102 households in October. Of the 320 people served, 79 were children and 39 were babies.

Our biggest needs are size 5 and size 6 diapers, laundry detergent, and liquid/bar hand soap.

Please reach out to the office if you have an interest in donating or volunteering.



### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Join us after worship on the **first** Sunday of every month for coffee and treats in the fellowship hall! Our next coffee fellowship date is Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

We are in need of volunteers to help make coffee before worship and pick up donuts from Elmer's. Please let the church office know if you are able to help!



## Bethany Gems

Our Bethany Gems have been collecting items for personal packets that are given to the homeless by the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul and Tri County Safe Harbor.

These items include:

- ❖ Soaps
- ❖ Shampoo & Conditioner
- ❖ Lotion
- ❖ Kleenex packets
- ❖ Dental Floss
- ❖ Toothpaste
- ❖ Toothbrushes

These can accumulate in our homes from travel, visits to our dentists, etc. and can be put to good use.

If you wish to donate, please bring them to Kelly in the church office and she will make sure the Gems receive them.

Thank you for your previous donations.

Our Bethany Gems meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 1:00p.m.






**Ecumenical  
Thanksgiving Service  
And pie night!!  
November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00p.m.**

Join us for a casual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Central United Methodist in Escanaba. A pie potluck is to follow. Bake an extra of your favorite pie and come and sample them all!! All are welcome!

*Installation of  
Melissa Salminen*



**Sunday, November 5th at 3:00 PM  
Trinity Lutheran in Stonington**



**2024 Pledge Cards**

**From Generation to Generation**

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

*-Matthew 6:21*

2024 Pledge Cards will be mailed out this month and we ask that you prayerfully consider how you would like to give back to God in the coming year. We have many opportunities to practice your generosity in the coming year. Thank you all for your support of Bethany's many ministries.

**October Church Council Retreat**

In October our council met to share in a time of retreat. They gathered for an evening meal and sessions that focused on team building, visioning, and operations planning. Thank you to our council for taking time and energy to care about our administration and operation as a church community!







**Come out and help  
us decorate  
Bethany!!  
Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
4pm to 7pm**

**Make an at home Advent kit complete with Advent wreath and weekly prayers for families with young children. Decorate Bethany, then grab a bowl of hot chili and cocoa and walk with us to watch the Escanaba Christmas Parade which begins at 7pm.**

## **STEWARDSHIP TREE**



On October 22nd, we observed Stewardship Sunday, kicking off a month of focus on God's generosity in our lives. This year's stewardship theme is "From Generation to Generation," inviting us to reflect on how God has blessed us in the past and how we can extend those blessings to future generations. From the strong roots of Bethany's rich history to the promising new leaves of today, our church is like a tree, growing and changing through each new season.

Our Stewardship Tree is growing in our narthex this month to remind us of the ways God has been generous to each of us. Each Sunday through November 12th, we'll have leaves with new questions about God's gifts. All are welcome to stop by, fill out a leaf, and help us fill up our Stewardship Tree!

*Thank You* **BETHANY**

The Bethany quilters would like to thank everyone that loaded our quilts into the truck and a special thank you to Rodney and Jean, who drove the U-Haul to Marinette. This year we made 519 quilts, our MOST ever! We also want to thank everyone that donated fabric, sheets or money this past year. It is greatly appreciated. We are always looking for new quilters. We meet in the basement of Bethany every Wednesday at 9am. You don't even have to know how to sew to join us.





## Operation Christmas Smiles 2023!

Watch for our angel trees to reappear at Bethany on Sunday, November 26. We will have two trees, one in the Narthex and one in the circle drive entrance. If you are able, please choose an angel or two or three, and shop for the item listed. Bethany is sponsoring TEN children this year. Each child has SEVEN angels on the tree: Three of the angels will be clothing items that are needed, and four of the angels will be a toy or something fun for the child. All items are based on the child's requests or interests, and hopefully that helps you when you're out shopping.

If you want to help, but would prefer to have someone else do the shopping for you, please choose an angel and a budget and leave your \$\$ and angel in the church office. Someone will stop in to collect the angel and take care of the shopping. If you want a receipt, just indicate so when you drop off your angel.

Return UNWRAPPED gifts by **Sunday, December 10th**. If you are able to include a gift box for your item, that is very helpful! Gift receipts can be included, but are not necessary.

This has been a particularly hard year for families, and the need is greater than usual. Please consider helping this holiday ministry, so we can add a little magic to these children's Christmas! Happy Shopping, Bethany Elves!!!

