

## **Bethany Lutheran Church**

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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**Email:** bethany@bethanyricelake.org  
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**Office Hours:** Monday -Thursday 8:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.  
Friday 8:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m.  
**Facebook:** Bethany Lutheran - Rice Lake, WI  
**Live Radio Broadcast:** Sundays 9:00 a.m. (May 26—Sept 1)  
WJMC 96.1 FM & 1240 AM  
**Worship:** Saturdays 5:30 p.m.  
Sundays 9:00 a.m. (May 26—Sept 1)  
**Live Streaming:** 9:00 a.m. on Bethany's website and  
Facebook page & You Tube (May 26—Sept 1)  
Services archived for 90 days  
**Cable TV:** Channels 992 (Spectrum) & 993 (Mosaic)  
Sundays 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### **Worship Assistants**

#### **Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room**

**Musicians:** Linda Mullikin, Paul Hanson  
**Assisting Minister:** Paul Hanson  
**Projection:** Dave Derro  
**Host:** Sue Derro

#### **Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

**Ushers:** Jack & Monica Berkseth  
**Greeters:** Shirley Bergthold, Kathy Swenson  
**Assisting Minister:** Carol Hakala  
**Reader:** Julie Moenck  
**Communion Assistants:** Carol Hakala, Julie & Joe  
Moenck, Ric & Amy Brekke  
**Musicians:** Susan Barta, Linda Mullikin, Jaymee Sevals

**Projection:** Tatum Diercks **Video:** Dave Wilson

## **LIVING OUT OUR FAITH-** **How Has God Shaped You?**

How have Experiences impacted your life?

- What do you consider to be key turning points in your life?
- What life situations have caused the greatest growth for you?
- If you could live your life over, what would you do differently? Do more? Do less?
- How would you describe your current prayer life?

### **Prayer Practice—Mealtime Prayers**

*Dear Lord, thank you for this food. Bless the hands that prepared it. Bless it to our use and us to your service, and make us ever mindful of the needs of others. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.*

*Thank you, God, for loving me. Thank you for my family. Help me to learn more each day and to be kind at work and play. Amen.*

*May our home be made holy, O God, by Your light. May the light of love and truth shine upon us all as a blessing from You. May our table and our family be consecrated by Your divine presence at this meal and at all our family meals. Amen.*

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Bethany Lutheran Church  
*Welcome to worship*

We **INVITE** all;  
We **GROW** in faith;  
We **GO** to share God's love and grace.

July 27-28, 2024

10th Sunday after Pentecost



***Prayers for Strength & Healing:*** Eric Roethel, Marv Baroun,  
Blair Helstad

***End of Month Prayer:*** Dear God, I end this month with this prayer. Please restore happiness to those in despair, please heal those who feel broken, and make the sick well. Bring love to the lonely, food to the hungry, and peace to our world. Amen.

## 5:30 p.m. Order of Service

Prelude		Linda Mullikin
Gathering Song	<i>We Praise You, O God</i>	#870
Welcome		
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Litany of Praise		
Confession & Forgiveness		
Opening Hymn	<i>All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly</i>	#461
Apostolic Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44		Paul Hanson
PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18		Paul Hanson
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21		Paul Hanson
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia</i>	p. 205
Gospel: John 6:1-21		Rev. Dr. Arthur Bergren
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
Sermon		Rev. Dr. Arthur Bergren
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Hymn of the Day	<i>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i>	#674
Prayers of the People		Paul Hanson
Sharing of Peace		
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
Offering	<i>Let Us Go Now to the Banquet</i>	#523
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Offering Prayer		
Holy Communion		
The Lord's Prayer		
Invitation to Communion		
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
Distribution	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	#779
Post Communion Blessing		Rev. Dr. Arthur Bergren
Post Communion Prayer		Paul Hanson
Announcements		
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Benediction		
Closing Hymn	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	#547
Dismissal		Paul Hanson
Postlude		Linda Mullikin

## 9:00 a.m. Order of Service

Prelude		Susan Barta & Linda Mullikin
Welcome		
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Litany of Praise		
Confession & Forgiveness		
Opening Hymn	<i>All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly</i>	#461
Apostolic Greeting		
Hymn of Praise	<i>Glory Be to God</i>	p.204:1,3
Prayer of the Day		
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44		Julie Moenck
PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18		Julie Moenck
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21		Julie Moenck
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia</i>	p. 205
Gospel: John 6:1-21		Rev. Dr. Arthur Bergren
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
Children's Sermon / Sermon		Rev. Dr. Arthur Bergren
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Hymn of the Day	<i>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i>	#674
Prayers of the People		Carol Hakala
Sharing of Peace		
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
Offering	<i>Let Us Go Now to the Banquet</i>	#523
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Offering Prayer		
Holy Communion/The Lord's Prayer		
Invitation to Communion		
	<i>Please be seated</i>	
Distribution	<i>In This Feast of Love</i>	
	<i>Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken</i>	
	<i>You Satisfy the Hungry Heart</i>	#484
Post Communion Blessing		Rev. Dr. Arthur Bergren
Post Communion Prayer		Carol Hakala
Announcements		
	<i>Please stand</i>	
Benediction		
Closing Hymn	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	#547
Dismissal		Carol Hakala
Postlude		Linda Mullikin

## Worship Insights

### The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

### Today's Readings

#### **First Reading from the Old Testament: 2 Kings 4:42-44**

*Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.*

**Psalm: Psalm 145:10-18** *You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)*

#### **Second Reading from the New Testament: Ephesians 3:14-21**

*We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.*

### Today's Gospel Lesson

#### **Gospel: John 6:1-21**

*In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.*





# Announcements

## The Week Ahead

Monday July 29

- Summer Bible Study - 12:00pm
- Quilting - 1:00pm

Wednesday July 31

- Red Cross Blood Drive - 12:00pm - 6:00pm
- Selah - 7:00pm

Thursday August 1

- Red Cross Blood Drive - 12:00pm - 6:00pm
- Personnel Team - 5:00pm
- Worship & Music Team - 7:00pm

Saturday August 3

- Worship - 5:30pm

Sunday August 4

- Worship - 9:00am

## Mark Your Calendars

August 5-8 - Adult Vacation Bible School - 9:00am-1:00pm

August 15-17 - Mission Jamaica Garage Sale

August 19 - The Good Newsbreak Submission Deadline

September 2 - Labor Day - Church offices closed

September 8 - Rally Sunday

Have you ever wanted to know more about these amazing Biblical characters - Deaconess Phoebe, Onesimus, a runaway slave, Miriam - the sister of Moses, Dinah and her 12 murderous brothers, Naaman - who had leprosy and washed himself in the Jordan River to be healed, and Elishama - son of David in the Book of Chronicles?

If you have, yearn no more because these and other Biblical characters will be spotlighted at the Second Annual Adult Vacation Bible School held at Bethany Lutheran Church. This summer event will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 5, and conclude on Thursday, August 8, following lunch at noon.

This four-day experience will include opening worship, focus on the Ten Commandments, games, lunch, and daily discussion sessions highlighting Biblical characters.

Bring along a friend and everyone is welcome. For more information, call the church office.

To register by scanning the QR Code or go to Sign Up Genius



## Adult VBS

August 5- August 8  
8:30AM - Noon  
Gathering Room



## School Bag Kits

School Bags are ready to be filled - Easy as 1 - 2 - 3!

- 1- Pick up your bag in the Narthex.
- 2 - Fill it with the needed supplies (lists are in the bag)
- 3 - Return your filled school bag back to the church. The Hannah Circle appreciates the generosity of the Bethany Family to fill so many bags each year!



## Mission Jamaica Annual Garage Sale August 15-17

Donations needed.

Donate your gently used items: clothes, toys, furniture, household goods, decorations (please no chemicals or stained items). We are able to help those in our community and the lives of those we are helping in Jamaica.

Donations items can be dropped off now at Bethany in Room 101 Thank you, Mission Jamaica 2025 Team



It's time for the Mission Jamaica Garage Sale,

August 15 - 17! The Welcome Team will be giving out cups of Lemonade & we are looking for people to help!

Volunteers are needed for 2 hour shifts, on Thursday, August 15 & Friday, August 16 between 9:00 and 4:00. Please call the Church Office, Bea Evans at 262-565-3327, or sign up online with Sign Up Genius. Thank you in advance!

Garage Sale Volunteers Needed

- Mon., Aug 12, 8AM-4 PM - Set up
- Tues., Aug. 13, 8AM-4 PM - Set up
- Wed., Aug. 14, 8AM-4 PM - Set up
- Thur., Aug. 15, 8 AM-7 PM - Sale
- Fri, Aug. 16, 8 AM-7 PM - Sale
- Sat., Aug. 17, 8 AM-Noon - Sale
- Sat., Aug. 17, 1 PM-3 PM Clean up

Sign up in the Narthex or SCAN



Bethany Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall



The August Edition of The Good Newsbreak is available now! If you elected to pick up a printed copy at church, please find them located on the information table in the lobby. Enjoy!!

## Join the Mixed Ensemble

All voices are welcomed and encouraged to sing. Three rehearsals Tuesdays at 7pm on July 30, August 6 & 13 to sing at worship on August 18. Contact Amy Brekke to sign up 715-651-6991 or brekke.amy@gmail.com

