



The Good News Break

Evangelical News of Bethany Lutheran Church

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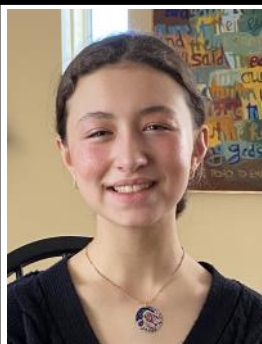
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Bethany Spot Light - Brooklynne Jenkinson



Her passion is to perform musical numbers with integrity, heart, and spirituality. Mozart is her favorite classical composer. Her ultimate goal is to one day experience the Metropolitan Opera located on Broadway on the Upper West Side of Manhattan in New York City.

Her name is Brooklynne Jenkinson and she is 14 years old. She is a member of Bethany Lutheran Church where she is a member of the Senior Choir. She is the daughter of Mark and Jennifer Jenkinson and the family lives in Cameron.

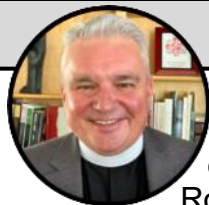
"I am a freshman at Cameron High School," Brooklynne said. "I was in the Cameron Middle School music program in grades 6-8 and I participated in the District Solo and Ensemble Competition. Last year I made it to the State Level."

When Brooklynne was very young, she would walk to her grandmother's house and spend time there. Especially during Lenten season, she attended worship with her grandma at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cameron.

Those times with her grandmother are early memories of faith formation, she said, and the experience often proved "magical." For the past two years she has sung with the Bethany Senior Choir, where she performs solos, duets, and serves as a cantor.

"Currently I am taking voice lessons with Deb Slagstad," Brooklynne said. "I really love music and it seems to be part of everything I do. But opera is my favorite because it tells a story that people can relate to."

When asked about the intersection of music and faith in her personal experience, Brooklynne said this: "God is the universe and the universe is God. I believe that God has a plan for each one of us."



Later on this summer, I am anticipating seeing two of my college friends from Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. Kevin Nellis and Behrnt Aaberg are going to travel to Rice Lake. It's going to be a great reunion. In college I became fast friends with a group of guys. Every day around 4:00 we would gather and play cards. Pinochle was our game. At 5:00 we would walk over to the dining hall and have supper together. This was our pattern for all four years. There were 7 of us including Behrnt and Kevin who became fast friends. After college, we all went our separate ways. We all made separate lives. Some of us entered the work force, while some of us went on to graduate school. We settled in cities all across America. Time and space separated us. One by one, each of us were married. We all took turns being groomsmen in each other's weddings. These weddings became opportunities for us to reconnect. All of us were married but Behrnt. Then many years later, one day out of the blue, Behrnt called me and asked if I would preside at his wedding. Of course, I was honored and delighted. All the plans were made and we gathered for the wedding. As we reassembled once again, it was outstanding seeing the old gang. One of us had lost all of his hair while the rest of us were grey. Another had grown a goatee. All of us had put on the weight. Now even though we had changed on the outside, nothing had changed on the inside. It was a day to remember and behold. We exchanged addresses. We reminisced about the old days. We caught up on personal histories. We picked up exactly where we left off. The only thing that was missing was a deck of cards. As the day came to a bittersweet end, we toasted and blessed one another—thankful for the gift of friendship we enjoyed. It was a very good day. As I contemplate the gift of this upcoming summer's reunion, I can't help but to reflect upon heaven. True enough, there is much about heaven that we do not know and will not know until we are welcomed by the Almighty at the final judgment. But there is still much we can claim and hold on to. Heaven is that place where the presence of God is manifest. In that place of God, the children of God are gathered for eternity. It is the great reunion of God's people. (*cont. on next page*)

A reunion filled with laughter, joy and peace. But unlike my afternoon long reunion, this reunion will last forever. Have you heard this expression? The older we become, the faster time slips away. This is the great paradox of life and death. But there is nothing to fear for Christians. For when my time and your time on earth is done and complete, there will be for us a great reunion that will last for eternity. ~ *Pr. Arthur*
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Isaiah 25:9



Easter People ~ Rev. Sue Eidahl, Visitation Pastor

Having just celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, our hearts are full of gratitude for a God who gives God's all for us. Easter is the celebration of a new world filled with God's grace and mercy. Jesus says He is the resurrection and the life.

Consequently, we have this same life. Resurrection life includes eternal life with God in heaven, but it also includes the strength and power to live a full and redeemed life in the world today. During my recovery from foot surgery, I entered the company of the disabled. There were so many small and large actions I could no longer do. Suddenly I had to admit to needing others to help me. I experienced the gift of service from so many people. People who stopped to see me, brought food, (with good cooking instructions), groceries, and warm hearts. They cleaned up messes made by me and my dog, took out garbage and recycling, gave me rides to the doctor and laughed with me. They sent cards and notes reminding me of my connection with the family of God called Bethany. And most importantly, they prayed for my recovery. As I reflect on those gifts of love now, I realize these individuals were living out what it means to be Easter people. They were here to "Shine Jesus' Light" and boy did it shine. My heart is overflowing with gratitude for the love and care I received. Let me thank you for going above and beyond to provide comfort and support. Even in difficult times, your solid dedication has been a source of strength. Thank you for your good care and support. I feel truly blessed to have received care from all of you. As together we continue to "Shine Jesus' Light" we live into the incredible reality of sharing God's gracious love with others. Happy Easter!

Youth Happenings



June 10-13
1:00-4:30 p.m.



**Scan QR Code
To Register
for Scuba VBS
(Ages 4 years - 5th)**

**Volunteer to Help
with Scuba VBS
(6th Grade—Adult)**



Baccalaureate

High School Seniors
Sunday, May 19, 2024
10:00 a.m. worship

There will be a congregational
reception in the Narthex beginning at
9:00 a.m.



Please bring in your senior
pictures for the May Good
NewsBreak. Drop them off at the
church office or email them to
abuchli@bethanyricelake.org by
Wednesday, April 3.



Club 9

**April 14— Drafting
Faith Statements and
Movie Discussion**

KWIK TRIP CARD SALES

The NOLA group will be
selling Kwik Trip cards
between services on
Sundays. You can also
purchase them from Angie
during the week. We
purchase Kwik Trip gift cards
at a 5% discount. You buy the
cards at face value. The
cards can be used for fuel
and groceries.

HERE WE STAND

- April 3** Lesson – Prophets of Israel
- April 10** Lesson – Prophets of Judah
- April 17** Lesson - Psalms for Help
- April 21** 7th Grade worship assistants
10 AM Worship
- April 24** Lesson
- May 19** 6th Grade worship assistants
10 AM Worship

Yummy Cinnamon Rolls!



NOLA Youth
Gathering Group will
be selling Cinnamon
Rolls
April 27-28.

Worship : *Experience The Three Days*

Walk with Christ to the Cross

Maundy Thursday

Join in Holy Communion as we experience the Last Supper through scripture, meditation, and prayer.

Thursday, March 28

Noon and 7pm

First Communion will be celebrated at 7pm



Good Friday

Experience the sorrow of Good

Friday with the

“Gathering at Golgatha”, a dialogue between Mary, the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Peter & John.

Friday, March 29

Noon and 7pm



Stations of the Cross

Gathering Room

Noon—3:30pm

Easter Weekend

Saturday, March 30 5:30pm

Experience our Risen Lord!

Sunday, March 31 8 & 10am

Pr. Arthur will deliver the Easter message. Easter music will include Organ, Brass, Bells, Tympani, Choir and the “Hallelujah Chorus”.

Congregation Breakfast

Served 8:30—9:45am

**Worship Assistants
Needed...**

Each week more than thirty five volunteers are needed to offer a meaningful and hospitable worship service.

Will you help?

You tell us when and how you are able to serve.

[Click here to fill out a quick questionnaire](#)

Thank you!

Summer Worship Schedule Change

May 26, Memorial Day Weekend through

September 1, Labor Day Weekend

Saturday Worship at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Room

Sunday Worship at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

The Good News Break

...THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST MAILED COPY

Beginning June 2024, Bethany's monthly news letter will only be available on line **UNLESS** we hear from you. If you would like to continue receiving a paper copy of our newsletter, click here to fill out a questionnaire, scan the QR code, or call the church office.



Save Papers
Save Trees
& Save Money

A Message from the Stewardship Committee

What is Stewardship? Stewardship is:

Service to God and church

Teaching God's word and love to all.

Energizing God's will unto all people

Wishing to be a good and helpful Christian

Ability to use the gifts God gave us to spread His gift of love

Radiating God's grace around the world

Desiring to be a better person today, than yesterday

Sowing the seeds of God's mercy

Helping at church and in the community.

Inspiring examples to those we love

Pursuing a lasting relationship with God

Church Council News

The March Council meeting was held Monday the 19th. We had a very good decision on many topics. We will be starting to update our active membership. If you know of someone who has moved away and wants to be released from our roll please let one of us know. We are looking at a capital campaign to cover some major repairs of the building. Watch this space for future details. ~ Mike Diercks Council President

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: Kam Kyle & Avery Leigh Lundequam

Funerals: Lind Knutson & Gary Amundson

Coming up ~ Mark Your Calendars

NOISY COLLECTION
March 30—31
ELCA World Hunger



Wild Church.

An hour long meditation time in our natural world. April 28 in the afternoon. More details soon. Contact Carol Hakala (carolhakala@gmail.com) if you are interested.

HAPPY
Parents!
DAY

Program

Sunday, May 12
9:15—9:45 AM
Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to a special program honoring our parents presented by our Bethany youth.

Vacation Bible School
Register today!



Summer Worship Schedule

Memorial Weekend—Labor Day
Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
in the Gathering Room

ONE Sunday service at
9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Mark you calendars!

Adult VBS

Aug 5—8
8:30 a.m.—noon



Luther Park Bible Camp

Where Faith is Nurtured Through Holy Play!
MAKING AN IMPACT SINCE 1932

LUTHER PARK – More than a summer camp for kids! Bethany's efforts this month (April) will focus on providing an overview of Luther Park and offer opportunities for ALL members to get involved. Through its various programs, Luther Park (main campus is in Chetek on beautiful Prairie Lake) welcomed 800 campers and 93 family campers during the summer of 2023. Summer programming includes special sessions for youth from K-12. Every year, a number of Bethany kids look forward to participating in the summer sessions that Luther Park has to offer. The camp also served as host to retreats, reunions, training sessions, Women of the ELCA, weddings, and other events.

This special outdoor ministry of the ELCA enables people of all ages and abilities to enjoy God's creation and provides opportunities for building communities based on God's unconditional love. Its mission statement invites people of all ages to explore and experience the life changing love of God. The Bethany budget no longer sets aside a special gift to Luther Park – our challenge during the Month of April is to make highlight the camp and challenge members to offer a donation designated to Luther Park. Our goal is to raise \$3,000. Simply place your gift in the designated offering and drop in the offering plate or the office drop box. Gifts may be tax deductible.

Throughout the month you will be hearing more about Luther Park, its offerings, and how the camp has changed lives.

www.lutherpark.org

STUDENTS! Camp Registration is open!

Research shows that Bible camp plays a very important role faith formation in youth. **Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek** offers a Christ-centered camping experience for people of all ages. Their staff is trained to help campers understand God's message of love and grace and to provide positive Christian role models. This year's theme is "*Created to Be*," gives us an opportunity to explore more deeply the authentic selves God has created us to be. Kids will learn what it means to be siblings in Christ—humans who are brave enough to encourage and stand up for each other, sharing burdens as well as joys. This theme is incorporated into morning devotions, bible study, evening worship, and campfires with lively skits, songs, and messages presented by staff and visiting pastors.

Bethany K-5th grade students can receive a scholarship from the Women of Bethany that pays 50% of the cost of camp.

This includes: Day Camp, Discovery, Seekers, Lower Trading Spaces, Adventure at the Woods camps.

Bethany Here We Stand 6th-8th grade confirmation students can receive a \$300 scholarship. A \$150 scholarship comes

from the Women of Bethany, plus there is an additional \$150 scholarship for students attending: Pathfinders, Upper Trading Spaces, and Night Owls.

To receive these scholarships, you need to contact Angie Buchli to get a special discount code to use when registering.
abuchli@bethanyricelake.org OR 715-234-9028



Thank You



Connecting Through Stories book club members were delighted to throw a birthday party for 17+ Bethany friends who are 85 and older. Festive party decorations welcomed party goers to lunch. After enjoying a meal together, the group played old fashioned games, sang “Jesus Loves Me” for seniors, and ate delicious birthday cupcakes.

Thank you to everyone who contributed during the Lent season.

Dear Bethany Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your generosity. Your gift of \$3,319.00 to Feed My Starving Children through the Rice Lake High School MobilePack is sending 11,444 MannaPack meals to those around the world who need it most. Hope is greater because of you. ~ Feed My Starving Children

Dear Bethany Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your generous gift of \$2,306.26 to the ministries of the ELCA through ELCA Good Gifts. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of God’s love. The glory of God shines through you.
~ Rachel Wind, Executive for Development

Gifts ~ Reminders

General Fund

In memory of Lind Knutson

- By: Rita Lawton
- By: Lind Knutson Family
- By: Jon & Elizabeth Luikart
- By: Reda Kay & Richard Renck
- By: Harol & Rebecca Olsen
- By: Larry & Peggy Nitz

In memory of Loraine Calkins

- By: Geri Vanderleest

Memorial Fund

In memory of Alice Johnson

- By: Buster & Diane Folstad

In memory of Lind Knutson

- By: Ruth Gerland
- By: V.R. Hover
- By: Dave & Sue Hildebrand
- By: Mary Dorrance
- By: Theresina Girard-Schmidt
- By: Maxine Williams
- By: John & Gail Waldron
- By: Conrad Eastwold
- By: Dave & Sonja Wilson
- By: Marcia Beckman
- By: Jessie Swant
- By: Diane Ladue
- By: Jack Anderson
- By: Cheryl Feather
- By: William & Susan Van Buren
- By: Heinz Eller
- By: Jeffrey & Deborah Sekanick
- By: Dorothy Herzog
- By: Susan & Richard Howenstine
- By: Ren & Debbie Schieffer
- By: Diana Bazewicz
- By: Scott Rohde
- By: Eric Waldron & Family

Music Fund

In memory of Lind Knutson

- By: Suzanne Arnevik
- By: Pat Olesczuk
- By: Jim & Carol Sevals
- By: Daniel & Linda Pond
- By: Dick & MaryAnn Pebler
- By: Mark & Barb Johnson

Quilting Fund

In memory of Loraine Calkins

- By: Benjamin Porath
- By: Barb Burdick
- By: James & Kristin Torpy

In memory of Chad Feather

- By: Ruth Gerland

Radio Fund

In memory of Lind Knutson

- By: Ed & Kathy Knutson
- By: Bob & Carol Stanonik

Stained Glass Fund

In memory of Lind Knutson

- By: Jack & Monica Berkseth
- By: Judy Dahlgren

In memory of Loraine Calkins

- By: James & Kristin Torpy

Women of Bethany

In memory of Alice Johnson

- By: Mark & Barb Johnson

Articles and information
for the May
Newsbreak are due by
Monday, April 15



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Easter Blessings from your Bethany Staff!



... just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4

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