



## Bethany Spot Light - *Mike Diercks*



The 13 members of the Bethany Lutheran Church Council are seated in the Conference Room, addressing agenda items pertinent to the parishioners – things like upkeep of the stained-glass windows, building maintenance, liturgical decorations, and missional outreach projects. At the head of the table, Council President Mike Diercks presides. “Maintaining order is important to me,” Mike said. “Worship matters are central to the church council, and the business aspects of running the church are another thing entirely. Balancing those two sides is a delicate undertaking.”

He should know. Mike held the office of Mayor of Rice Lake from 2016 to 2022. And he has also served on the Bethany Church Council twice, where he now serves as President. Working hard is something that Mike has always done. He was born in Red Wing, Minnesota, raised Lutheran, and attended Sunday School and other church events growing up. He moved to Rice Lake on

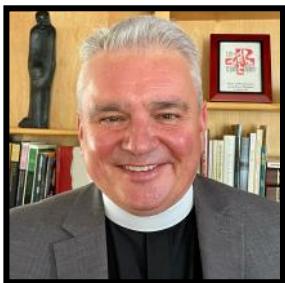
July 4, 1976, and he has been married twice and raised three children.

Mike was an Assistant Store Manager at Market Place Grocery Store in Rice Lake and has been a member of Bethany Lutheran Church for many years. His church family has stood with him during good times and bad, and God has been his strength on more than one occasion.

“On Memorial Weekend in 2006, my daughter Brenda was killed in a car accident,” Mike said. “She was 26 years old.” Brenda lived in Hudson, where she was an Evening Manager at the Super Value store. She had a medical condition that caused her to lose control of her vehicle on that dark night. It was a devastating loss. “My belief in God got me through it,” Mike said. “Only faith in Him helped me get through those difficult days.” And God has guided his life throughout subsequent years as well. A proponent of serving the public and lifelong learning experiences, Mike also spends his free time with family and friends – many of them from Bethany. At home, he likes to watch educational programs on the History Channel and he enjoys comedies as well.



## *Hungry Hearts* by Rev. Dr. Arthur Bergren, Lead Pastor



Alfred Lord Tennyson penned the poem, Ulysses. The poem is about the human soul. The poem reminds us that life is an adventure. Although Ulysses is aging, he remains “strong in will” and is driven to push onward relentlessly. The closing line of the poem is a call to arms, “To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.”

Tennyson is addressing the human soul. Early in the poem Tennyson writes, “For always roaming with a hungry heart.” Bruce Springsteen, an American songwriter and performer, took notice of this phrase and wrote a classic rock tune.

A hungry heart is part of the human condition and the adventure of life.

Everyone has a hungry heart. We all have empty spaces within our lives that cry out to be filled. If that's the situation then question is what are we to do about it? How do we feed our hungry hearts?

Only God can satisfy our hungry hearts. When we find our hearts filled and rooted in God, it's then and only then can we fully appreciate all that God has given us. When we place God first, all of life falls into place. Make no mistake, the best place to find God is the Church.

Life is an adventure, but an adventure that can leave us with a hungry heart. Embrace God, who will fill your hungry heart. With God, you'll always be able “to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.”

~ Pr. Arthur

*My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:26*

### Faith Formation: *Bible Study*

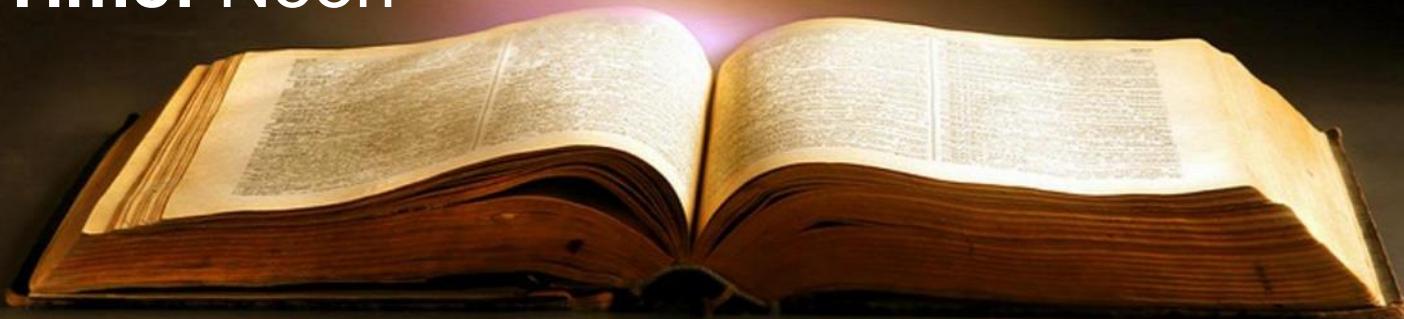
## **Summer Weekly Lessons Study with Pr. Arthur**

*Pr. Arthur will lead us deeper into the weekly worship readings every Monday throughout the summer.*

**When:** Mondays, June 3—Aug 26

**Where:** Conference Room

**Time:** Noon



# Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Synod Assembly: *Bishop Election*



This Synod Assembly was a special one for the ELCA churches in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. Once every 6 years there is an opportunity for an election of a Bishop in our Synod and on June 7 & 8 a new Bishop was elected. The Rev. Martin R. Halom, Bloomer, WI, was elected June 8 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the synod assembly, June 7-8 at the W.R. Davies Student Center of the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire.

Halom was elected on the fourth ballot, with 241 votes. The Rev. Karen Behling, pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls, Wis., received 57 votes. The bishop-elect has served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomer since 2012. Previously he was associate campus pastor of University Lutheran Church in East Lansing, Mich. (2003-2012), and associate pastor of American Lutheran Church in Rantoul, Ill. (1999-2003). Halom earned his Bachelor of Arts in economics from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, in 1993, and a Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., in 1999. Luther College is one of 26 ELCA colleges and universities; Luther Seminary is one of seven ELCA seminaries. He will be installed Sept. 15 (location to be determined). For more: <https://nswi.org/synod-assembly-2024>

In addition to the election of the Bishop, there were resolutions, worship services, and presentations. Representing Bethany Lutheran Church were: Pr. Arthur Bergren, Pr. Sue Eidahl, Mike Diercks, Con Eastwold, Mikey Seymour, Ted Hakala, Sue Zahrbock, and Carol Hakala. I asked those attending from Bethany what stood out at this assembly and here are the responses:

- *"The theme "Water is Life" as depicted visually in all aspects was inspirational! As a Synod we flow together to work to proclaim God's word. Blessed to be part of it all!"* ~ Sue Zahrbock
- *"Each of the multiple times we cast our ballots, the assembly of the 389 plus would pause to be led in prayer and song asking for the Holy Spirit's discernment. It was a most powerful experience."*

~ Mikey Seymour

- *"I love that hundreds of people, with diverse ideas of what it means to be church gather to learn and worship with love and grace. Water is Life!"* ~ Ted Hakala
- *"I was struck by the obvious God given skills reflected by the representative camp directors and campus ministers who reported to the assembly. Their adeptness at creating safe spaces for faith development and faith exploration for each of their age group subsets was very compelling."* ~ Con Eastwold
- *"First, I was pleased for the NW Synod of Wisconsin when Bishop Elect Martin Halom was called as bishop of our territory. He currently serves at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomer, Wisconsin. He brings many gifts to the office of bishop. Please pray for him, Bp. Laurie Scow-Anderson, and everyone else who is facing transition. Second, I was delighted to see a video interview of the Rev. Rear Admiral Peter Muschinske regarding his new role. Pr. Peter is a son of Bethany and we had a great weekend together where we honored Pr. Peter. Anchors away, Admiral! ~ Pastor Arthur*
- *"I've always enjoyed getting together with colleagues at the assembly, but my favorite part is worship, coming before God as a community, breaking bread with sisters and brothers across this synod. Yes, we do the business of the church, but mostly we worship."* ~ Pastor Sue
- *"Although I was at synod assembly for work (Portico Benefit Services), it was my fourth assembly out of 5 this season. They energize me and are extra special when there is a Bishop election! I really do enjoy seeing folks and continuing to educate them on who Portico is, if they are lay congregational members who have never heard of Portico, or helping our plan members navigate their benefits. Plus, catching up with people seems like assemblies are a family reunion for me."* ~ Jennifer Prinz
- *"I attended the Assembly as an observer this year – curious about what was happening there and who would be our next Bishop. I was struck by the theme of "Water is Life". [Click here](#) to view comments from former bishops and Roxie berg about how water is so meaningful to life. ~ Carol Hakala*

Consider attending the Assembly in 2025 – Bethany will host the event.

## Green? by Rev. Sue Eidahl, Visitation Pastor



I don't know about you, but I sure am enjoying the beauty of this summer. While we probably have had more rain than we think necessary, it has provided us with lush green lawns and fields. As I've been driving around enjoying the countryside, a question came to mind about green color, so I did some research.

Our eyes are designed to see green more than any other color. Perhaps evolution led us to this adaptation to distinguish our food or to avoid getting lost in forests and jungles. There are around 300 shades of green, but I think they can be endless, since in nature, the colors depend not only on the tonality they reflect, but also on the quality and quantity of light. The golden, reddish, or pastel tones of sunrise and sunset transform leaves' green colors.

My research got me thinking about Creation Psalms. Many of our Psalms include thanksgiving for creation. Let me share a couple.

**Psalm 8:** where, in considering the heavens that God has made, David asked what are human's significance? The answer is firmly based in creation, in that God made humans just a little lower than the heavenly beings, yet he has made humans the crown of creation, with glory and honor.

**Psalm 148:** This psalm contains the most detailed call for all creation to praise God. It starts with an appeal to the heavenly realms and to the sun, moon, and stars. In the psalms, this is always the order in which creation is presented. Heaven and things relating to heaven are mentioned first, followed by the earth. Praise always begins with a look at the sky, and the heavens are the first "telling of the glory of God."

Has the natural world lost some of its wonder in your eyes? Have you started to take for granted things God himself literally breathed into existence and sustains with his whispers? Does anything God made still quiet you?

Nothing we encounter is purposeless, or glory less, or truly "natural." We may notice the purpose and glory more in the grander aspects of creation, like oceans, lions, or mountains, but as Scripture teaches, even birds and lilies teach us about God. I think green can too!

So take time this summer to let yourself stop, and watch, and listen a little longer before something God has made, and expect to see something supernatural.

## The Secret to Stewardship

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

So, what's the secret to proper stewardship? Start with your heart, not your head. Paul says in our verse today, "Give what you decided in your heart to give." True stewardship is a faith thing, not a reason and logical thing. God calls us to move as our heart tells us to move and not as our logical minds might move. Second, he tells us "Not to give reluctantly or under compulsion." We need to freely give in such a way that the left hand doesn't want to pull out of the offering plate what the right hand just put in. We need to give as the Lord is moving us to give. It ought to be as freely given and God's grace is freely given to us. Last, Paul tells us to be "cheerful" givers. Stewardship should be an opportunity, not an obstacle. We ought to be giving God back some of the time, talents and treasures He has given us in a spirit of joy. We ought to be thankful that the Lord provides us the opportunity to thank Him in this awesome way.

May the secrets of stewardship move us to be cheerful givers!



Pastoral Acts

Funeral: Garrett Hargrave

## Mission Jamaica Annual Garage Sale

### Donations and Volunteers 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. Beginning Monday, July 8th, items can be dropped off at

Bethany in Room 101. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, working the garage sale, take down & transporting items. Please contact Naomi Candler at [naomi.eastwold@gmail.com](mailto:naomi.eastwold@gmail.com) or Heidi Nelson at 715-296-8022 or the church office 715-234-9028. ~ Thank you, Mission Jamaica 2025 team

**Donations accepted beginning: Monday, July 8**  
**Garage Sale Dates: August 15-17**

Take Flat Jesus with YOU...wherever you go..

Summer is a time for lots of fun and exciting adventures: camping, travel, vacations, spending time with family, and more. Flat Jesus helps us stay connected with our church family during the summer and to remember that Jesus is with you wherever you go! Bring Flat Jesus with you this summer—everywhere you go. Take a picture of Flat Jesus on all of your adventures and send to [bethany@bethanyricelake.org](mailto:bethany@bethanyricelake.org). Thanks to all who have submitted pictures. It's so fun to see where you have been!





## Quiet worship opportunity at Bethany

**Who:** Everyone who appreciates a time to rest in God's presence.

**What:** A time of worship, silence, reflection and listening. Another name is "Centering Prayer".

**Where:** Gathering Room

**When:** July 10, 17, 24, 31

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Led By:** Pastor Sue Eidahl

*Contemplative Worship* is a setting in which we quiet ourselves in order to open our souls to the ministry of God within. It is one way to hear the voice of God with our hearts.

*Contemplative Worship waits for God in the silence.*

# Faith Formation: SCUBA VBS 2024 ~ That's a wrap!



We had an amazing week at Scuba VBS, June 10-13, 2024 where 60 preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade youth, and over 40 middle school, high school and adult volunteers learned how to! During the week we dove into friendship with God! Kids explored what it means to have a friendship with a real, loving, trustworthy God - a friendship that lasts forever! It was a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that helped kids grow in faith.

Through our VBS offering, kids participated in a project supporting ELCA World Hunger & being part of the generation taking action to usher in a world without hunger, and futures filled with hope. Our group of 17 high school youth attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July will take the VBS offering to New Orleans to be collected at the Gathering for ELCA World Hunger. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised over \$400. **Together, we can be the generation that ends hunger!**

Parents, grandparents, and friends joined us in the Fin-tastic Finale program on Thursday, June 13 at 4:30pm where we celebrated our week at Scuba VBS. We shared the awesome music, Bible points, Bible verses, and more about our awesome week!

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to:

- All parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors and others who helped to bring the children here every day to SCUBA VBS!
- All the volunteer staff for your kindness, compassion, love of children and willingness to share the grace of God this past week. Without you, VBS could NOT happen!
- All of our volunteer crew leaders, youth and adult helpers: Bristene Becker, Layla Becker, Zariah Becker, Ellison Brown, Dianne Buxton, Tate Diercks, Emily Doeberreiner, Owen Doeberreiner, Anders Donze, Carson Donze, Marin Donze, , Melissa Drost, Allie Hajdasz, Meghan Myre, Zach Mommsen, Brenda Myre, JoAnn Nanstad, Cole Nieman, CeCe Nelson, Jennifer Nelson, Jordan Nelson, Liza Nelson, Cindy Nymo, Lauren Pearson, Finn Schroeder, Tuesday Schroeder, Eva Sevals, Jaymee Sevals, Lauren Weimert, Jan Wick
- A huge thank you to Jan Wilking for all of the hours helping with decorations, prep, and assisting me VBS week!
- All of my station leaders. They were amazing! Pastor Sue Eidahl & Carol Sevals, Deep Bible Adventures; Melissa Drost – Imagination Station; Jessie Weimert, Sticky Scripture; Emily Scheu, Reef Rec Games; Amy Brekke, Sing & Play Splash, Jennifer & Jordan Nelson, Tidal Treats and Gail Weber, Tide Pool Preschool.
- Everyone who donated items for Tidal Treats, lunches, and Thursday's supper.
- Bethany Lutheran staff for your help and flexibility!
- All the members of Bethany Lutheran Church for your continued support of Christian Youth Education!

God's Blessings to all! ~ Angie Buchli, SCUBA VBS Director

## French Fry Booth Help Needed!

Bethany's French Fry Booth at the Barron County Fair, July 17-21, is our biggest youth activity fund-raiser. Each year it brings in over \$5,000. The proceeds from this helps fund youth activities, ELCA Youth Gatherings, alternating high school mission trips, and more. We rely on our Bethany family to help staff our French Fry Booth.

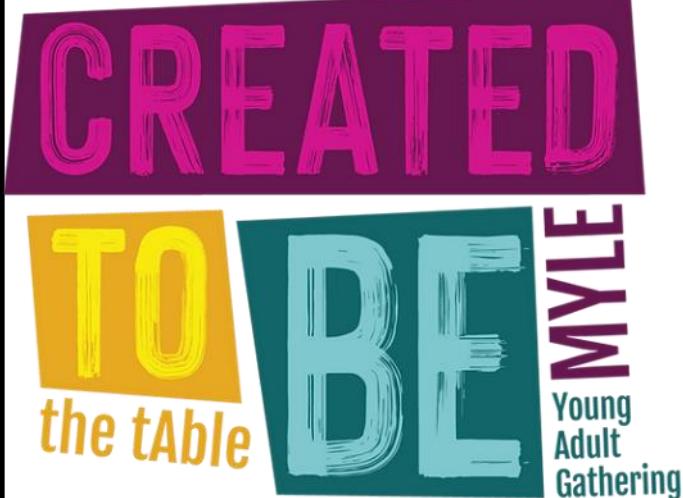
Please consider signing up to work a shift. Families can sign up to work together and have a great time! Plus, all workers receive a complimentary wrist band for free admittance to the fair for the day.

We are looking for volunteers (youth and adults) 6th grade and older to work a 3-hour shift at the French Fry Booth. **There must be one adult per shift.** There are also signup sheets in the narthex.

**Scan QR Code or [CLICK HERE](#) to Sign Up**



## 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering



## Pray for our Youth and Leaders

Our group of 21 (17 youth & 4 adults) will be heading to New Orleans, LA July 14-21, 2024 for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Our Bethany group: Emma Anderson, Abby Doeberiner, Emily Doeberiner, Carson Donze, Marin Donze, Lucie Habas, Ella Hudson, Halle Husak, Brooklynne Jenkinson, Jacob Jondreau, Morgan Musil, Cece Nelson, Liza Nelson, Emily Scheu, Khloe Thoreson, Evan Stager, Lauren Weimert, Kari Donze, Sara Scheu, Jan Wilking & Angie Buchli. We are all very excited about our upcoming adventure!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has helped us in our fundraising efforts buying cinnamon rolls, cookies, Kwik Trip cards, and more. We can't thank our Bethany family enough for all of your generosity and support!

Our group has been meeting monthly since April preparing for the Gathering. We have been learning more about the Gathering theme, Created to Be. We have been learning about how...

**We are created to be brave...**  
**We are created to be authentic...**  
**We are created to be free...**  
**We are created to be disruptive...**  
**We are created to be disciples....**

The city of New Orleans has always been its true, authentic self. The theme, "Created to Be," highlights the arts, music and soul of this beautiful, vibrant and resilient city. New Orleans was built to host and be a city where all God's children come together.

The Gathering is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to come together with other ELCA youth from all of the country to build on their faith journey. Please keep this group in your prayers as we continue our final preparations, for safe travels, and an amazing week. Thank you again for all of your generosity and support!



# “Saints in the Light”

## Little Known People in the Bible

Adult VBS  
August 5th-8th  
9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.  
Includes Lunch!

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

[Click Here](#)

Or Call 715-234-9028

Or Scan



Music  
Bible Study  
Snacks  
Fellowship



**BIBLE  
BINGO**

# Worship & Music

## New to the Bulletin this Summer—*Worship Insights*

Each week the bulletin will include an introduction to the service and the readings. This addition is meant to be used to focus your attention on the scripture for the day. We encourage you to enter worship early and use this time to prepare your heart and your mind for worship. Is there something else you would like to see in our bulletin? Contact Amy Brekke, Director of Worship or Andrea Stakston in the church office.

### July Gospel Texts

July 6-7: *Mark 6:14-29*

July 13-14: *Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

July 20-21: *Mark 6:30-34*

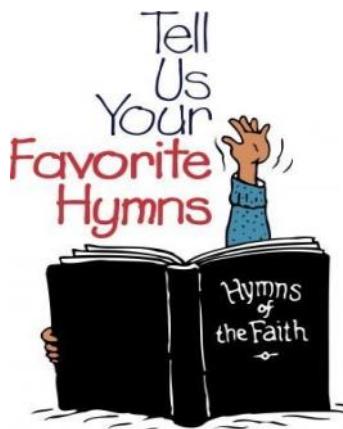
July 27-28 *John 6:1-21*

Jesus gives authority to his disciples

John the Baptist's death

Care for Others

Jesus Feeds 5000



Do you have a favorite hymn or song you would like to sing in worship?

Send your requests to Amy Brekke

Call/text: 715-651-6991

brekke@bethanyricelake.org

### Mixed Ensemble

All voices are welcomed and encouraged to sing!

3 Rehearsals

Tuesdays at 7PM

July 30, Aug 6, Aug 13

Sing for worship Aug 18

Contact Amy Brekke to sign up

715-651-6991

brekke.amy@gmail.com

## Music and Arts in our Community.

Many Bethany musicians and artists who so willingly share their gifts either in worship or in our church building also share their talents in the community. You may consider attending an event.

Supporting each other is a shining example of sharing God's love. Here are some of the events:

- **Rice Lake Music in the Park**

Tuesdays, 7 PM at Veteran's Memorial Park:

July 16 -Bethany Brass

Aug 6—Red Cedar Symphony

- **Kids From Wisconsin**

July 18, 7 PM at Veteran's Memorial Park:

- **Shell Lake Arts Center Music Campers**

Students attending music camp put on free concerts at the Shell Lake Band Shell all summer long. [CLICK HERE](#) for dates and times.

Bethany Students are on stage and behind the scenes at [RED BARN THEATER](#)  
[NORTHERN STAR THEATER](#)

We have a wonderful and talented family!

## Coffee & Fellowship

Sunday morning coffee and fellowship in the Narthex has become a wonderful way to connect with friends, catch up on announcements, and prepare ourselves to enter worship.

We are seeking sponsors to help cover the cost of the coffee and donut holes.

Sponsors can designate a special person or event . For example: *In Honor of our Parents 25th Wedding Anniversary or In memory of our beloved Grandmother*

Cost is \$40/week. Sponsorship envelopes are located at the coffee station or stop by the church office. Thank you!

## Thank You



**God's work. Our Hands.** Many thanks to our circles and donators for the items that were delivered to the Global Health Ministries drop site in Minneapolis by Darrell Bliese and Kevin Jacobson. We received this note:

*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you for your recent gift of newborn kits, hospice kits, and misc. medical equipment on 6/5/24 to Global Health Ministries. Your gifts make it possible to ship vital medical supplies and equipment, offer timely grants, and educate leaders to help the hands that heal 13 under-sourced countries....Providing education to equip health workers at all levels is one of Global Health Ministries' priorities. While the World Health Organization recommends a minimum of 23 doctors, nurses, and midwives per 10,000 people, 7 of our partner countries have fewer than 10.*

*Thank you for the gifts you share! Together in ministry, Pastor Mary Brown, Dir. Of Philanthropy*

## Reminders

**The Church Office will be closed July 4-5 in observance of Independence Day.**

### **Pray for one another.**

Our prayer list is always open. Call Andrea in the church office to be listed in our weekly church prayers and/or prayer chain.  
715-234-9028



Articles and information for the August Newsbreak are due by Thursday, July 18.



### **The Good News Break**

Bethany's monthly news letter is only available on line **UNLESS** we hear from you. If you would like to receive a paper copy of our newsletter, [click here](#) to fill out a questionnaire, scan the QR code, or call the church office.



## Shine Jesus' Light All Summer Long

- ◆ Bring treats to your local fire station.
- ◆ Write a thank you note to your mail carrier.
- ◆ Talk to a stranger at a party who looks like they don't know anyone.
- ◆ Smile at someone who looks sad.
- ◆ Participate in a charity walk or run.
- ◆ Give blood.
- ◆ Donate your old cell phone or other electronics to charity.
- ◆ Sign up for a bone marrow registry.
- ◆ Become an organ donor.
- ◆ Donate gently used clothes to a charitable thrift shop.
- ◆ Give old blankets, sheets and towels to an animal shelter.
- ◆ Donate your unused frequent flyer miles to a charity partner of your airline.
- ◆ Sign up for a shift at your local soup kitchen.
- ◆ Play with animals at a local shelter.
- ◆ Donate your old glasses. There is a container on the bins located across from the church office.
- ◆ Contribute used books to the library or school media center.
- ◆ Organize a donation drive for coloring books, toys and art supplies for a hospital pediatric ward.
- ◆ Donate a vacation or sick day to a colleague who's struggling with an illness or caring for a sick loved one.
- ◆ Tell your boss one thing you love about him/her.
- ◆ Bring in a favorite treat and leave it in the break room. (It's extra fun if you do it anonymously.)
- ◆ Compliment a colleague to your boss.
- ◆ Deliver coffee to an office assistant.
- ◆ Post sticky notes with uplifting messages on the bathroom mirrors.
- ◆ Stay late for a co-worker who needs to get home.
- ◆ Invite a co-worker who is alone over the holidays to your home to celebrate.
- ◆ Share your knowledge freely.
- ◆ Mentor someone.
- ◆ Write a thank you note to someone who has helped your career.
- ◆ Make friends with someone new to the company.
- ◆ Add a positive comment to the conversation if office chatter becomes negative.
- ◆ Tell a joke to lighten the mood when a co-worker is handling a tough assignment.



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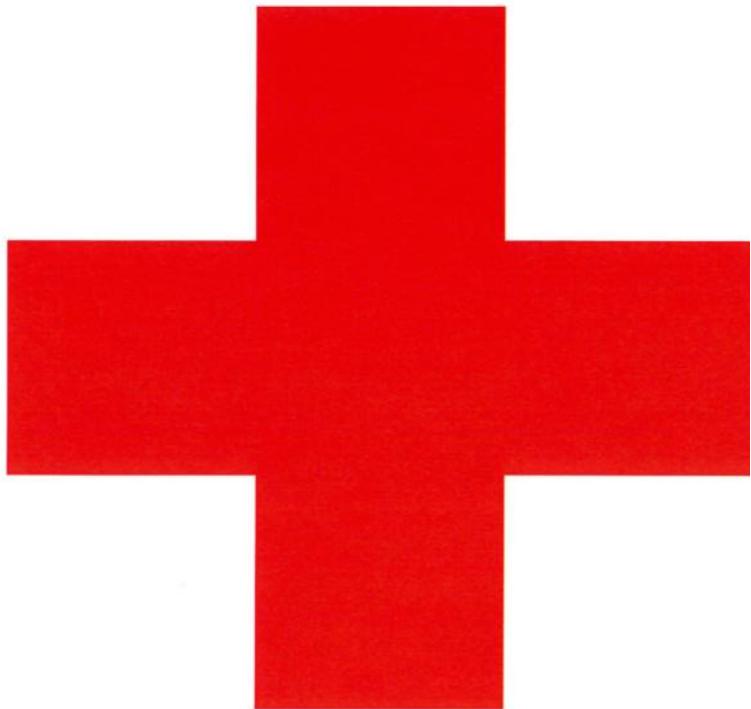
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Please contact the church  
office if there is a committee member  
update. Thank you!

*Give blood.*

Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.

**American Red Cross**



**Blood Drive**  
**Rice Lake Community**  
**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
35 W. Messenger St.

**Wednesday, July 31, 2024**  
**12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday, August 1, 2024**  
**12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter:  
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All presenting donors will be entered into a drawing to win 2,  
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# July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	12p Summer Bible Study 1p Quilting	1 4p Mission Outreach		3	4	5
				Office is Closed - Holiday 12p Pastors Book Club 1p Brentwood Communion Se 5p Personnel Committee 7p AA 7p Worship & Music	Office is Closed - Holiday 6:45a MOB	5:30p Worship
7	9a Worship 10:30a Staff Meeting 12p Summer Bible Study 1p Quilting 4p Executive Committee 6p Property Committee	8 4:30p Breast Cancer Support	9 6:30p Selah	10 9a Caring Community Coordin 7p AA	11 6:45a MOB	12 5:30p Worship
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## Summer Worship Schedule

Saturdays 5:30 p.m. Worship

Sundays 9:00 a.m. Worship

### Worship Broadcast Schedule

TV: Channels 992 (Spectrum) & 993 (Mosaic):

Sundays 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Thursdays 7:00 p.m.

Live Radio Broadcast Sundays 9:00 a.m.

WJMC 96.1 FM & 1240 AM

Live Streaming 9:00 a.m.

[www.bethanyricelake.org](http://www.bethanyricelake.org) and Facebook

Archived services available for 90 days

### Contact Information

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*Facebook:* Bethany Lutheran-Rice Lake, WI

*Office Hours:* Mondays-Thursdays 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Fridays 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



## JULY HIGHLIGHTS

### **Summer Worship Schedule**

**May 26—September 1**

**Saturday Worship**

**5:30 pm ~ Gathering Room**

**ONE Sunday Worship**

**9:00 am ~ Sanctuary**

**The church office will be closed**

**July 4-5**

Bethany Lutheran Church  
35 West Messenger Street  
Rice Lake, WI 54868