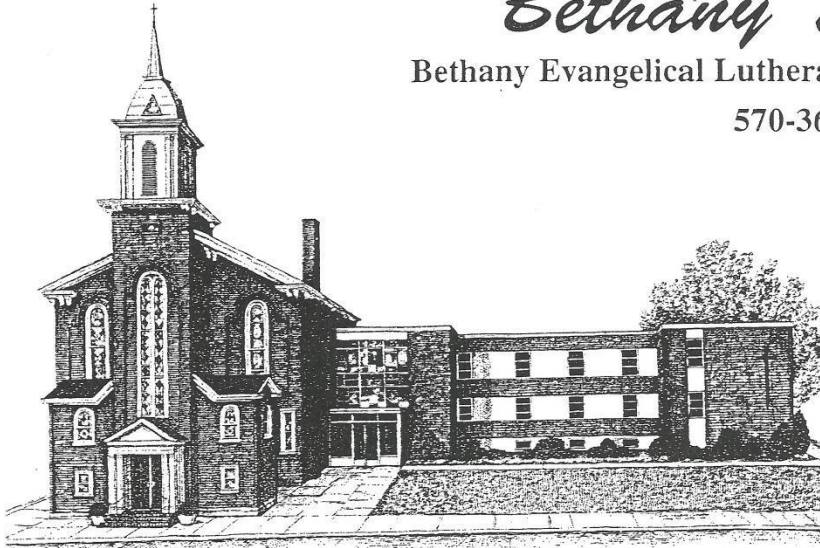


# Bethany Messenger

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Montoursville, PA

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As Worship Services continue, please take note:

- One service will be held Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. until further notice (see Council Notes p.2) Coffee/Fellowship time begins at 10:15; Adult Sunday School begins at 10:45 through Sept. 6.
- Sunday School for All begins Sunday, September 13 at 10:45, with the Rally Day Celebration.
- Physical Distancing and mask wearing are both strongly encouraged.
- Enter and exit from the East Door (by the elevator).
- Bulletins (regular and large print) are on the East Door stand. Please pick up one as you enter.
- The Offering Plate will also be on that same East Door stand. You may place your offering there as you enter or as you leave.
- Neither Greeters nor Acolytes will be utilized for now.
- Continuous Communion: while keeping a six foot distance from the person in front of you. Wafers - please leave your hand open as Pastor places the wafer onto your palm. Dark grape juice (in chalice #1) and light colored wine (chalice #2) are both offered.

**RALLY DAY – September 13, 10:45 am. – ALL ARE INVITED!**

Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 13, 10:45 am. in Sunday Memorial Hall. We will have coffee, juice boxes, and cookies, and there will be a Welcome prayer and short program followed by everyone heading to their classrooms.

**EVERYONE is INVITED - You do NOT want to miss it!**

## HOW TO REACH US

### CONTACTING PASTOR DAVID:

**At church:** (570)368-8933 email: [pastorbethanyNALC@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbethanyNALC@gmail.com)

**At home:** (570)322-3685 *If leaving a message on the home answering machine, please make sure to at least leave your name when you call. Thank You*

**CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE:** (570)368-8933 email: [secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com](mailto:secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com)

9:00 am. to 4:30 pm., Monday through Thursday.

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**BETHANY'S WEB SITE:** [www.BethanyNALC.org](http://www.BethanyNALC.org)

**BETHANY'S FACEBOOK PAGE:** [www.facebook.com/BethanyNALC.org](http://www.facebook.com/BethanyNALC.org)

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## NEWS

### The 2020 ANNUAL ATLANTIC MISSION

#### REGION CONVOCATION is SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup>

The 2020

Convocation meeting and focus have both changed. This will be solely held remotely (by teleconference), and will run from 9:00 am. until noon. The original theme focusing on worship will be postponed until 2021.

*For more information (and for informative and inspiring articles) go you can go to: [www.theNALC.org](http://www.theNALC.org) to read more!*

### CHURCH COUNCIL ACTIONS:

The Church Council met on August 10<sup>th</sup>.



--They received reports from these committees:

Christian Ed., Finance, Mission, Property, Staff Support, and Worship and Music

--They received the Pastor's Report.

--They voted to continue having ONE service on Sundays, 9:00 am., until further notice.

### RECONCILIATION OF BETHANY CHURCH FINANCES

Income Received through <b>June 30, 2020</b>	(26 Sundays)	\$ 106,416.88
Expenses through June 30, 2020		<u>\$ 106,748.59</u>
Balance		\$ - 331.71

Income Received through <b>June 30, 2019</b>	(26 Sundays)	\$ 102,987.93
Expenses through June 30, 2019		<u>\$ 108,671.55</u>
Balance		\$ - 5,683.62

Income Received through <b>July 31, 2020</b>	(30 Sundays)	\$ 119,909.21
Income Received through July 31, 2020		<u>\$ 123,860.06</u>
Balance		\$ - 3,950.85

Income Received through <b>July 31, 2019</b>	(30 Sundays)	\$ 118,104.70
Income Received through July 31, 2019		<u>\$ 123,184.31</u>
Balance		\$ -5,079.61

## SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

<b>Healing Service</b>	- Sunday, Sept. 6, 11:45 am.
<b>Labor Day (Office Closed)</b>	- Monday, Sept. 7
<b>Red Cross Bloodmobile</b>	- Friday, Sept. 11, 1 - 6 pm.
<b>Church Council</b>	- Monday, Sept. 14, 7:15 pm.
<b>Wendy's Fundraiser</b>	- Tuesday Sept. 15, 5-8 pm.
<b>Mission Committee</b>	- Monday, Sept. 21, 7:15 pm.
<b>Deadline - Newsletter items</b>	- Tuesday, Sept. 22, 4:30 pm.
<b>Newsletter Team</b>	- Monday, Sept. 28, 9:00 am.
<b>Life Chain</b>	- Sunday, Oct. 4, 2:30 – 3:30 pm.
<b>Crop Walk</b>	- Sunday, Oct. 11, 1:00 pm.
<b>Church Council</b>	- Monday, Oct. 12, 7:15 pm.
<b>NALC Atlantic Mission Convention</b>	- Saturday, Oct. 17, 9:00 am. - noon
<b>Mission Committee</b>	- Monday, Oct. 19, 7:15 pm.
<b>Deadline - Newsletter items</b>	- Tuesday, Oct. 20, 4:30 pm.
<b>Finance Committee</b>	- Tuesday, Oct. 20, 7:00 pm.
<b>Staff Support Committee</b>	- Tuesday, Oct. 20, 8:00 pm.
<b>Newsletter Team</b>	- Monday, Oct. 26, 28, 9:00 am.

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**Weekly: Quilters** - Tuesdays and at Thursdays 9 am.

*\*Choirs are not yet meeting; we will make certain everyone is notified when they resume.*

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## HEALING SERVICE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

There will be a Service of the Word for Healing - Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:45 am. We hope you are able to join us!

## HOMEBOUND COMMUNION



Home Bound Communion is available to shut-ins who are at home (*nursing homes and apartments still have many restrictions*). If you desire to have Pastor David stop by, please call the Church Office (570)368-8933.

## HOSPITAL VISITATION

If you or someone you know is hospitalized (or will be), please notify the Church Office. Due to HIPAA privacy Laws, families are asked to please keep our church family informed!

## BLOODMOBILE NEWS



*Please note date change from the last newsletter!*

A Bloodmobile will be held at our church on **Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 6 pm**. You are encouraged to register online or by phone: [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), (800)733-2767, and if possible, do the pre-donation screening and health history online at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass).

## BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE COLLECTION DRIVE

Bethany has begun helping share God's Word with people all over the world. We are partnering with the ministry group, "Experience Missions" and are now a local collection point for materials that will be collected and distributed. Donated items can be brought to the church.

## **BACKPACK BREAKFAST NEWS:**



The Montoursville School District has not decided when the Backpack program will start again. We are being asked to remain flexible as these decisions are being made.

In the meantime, they anticipate needing:

Oatmeal (1-2 oz. packets); Cream of Wheat (1-2 oz. packets); Boxed Cereal (Individual, 1.5-2 oz); Multigrain Bars; Breakfast Bars; Pop Tarts; Belvita Breakfast Biscuits (1.76 oz.); Cereal Bars (individually packaged). *We will share the news when this program resumes again!*

## **EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE**



Equipment is available to borrow during recovering from surgery and for those who may have be experiencing difficulties. We have walkers, canes, equipment for the bathtub and commode are all available. Please tell a staff member if you have a need!

## **SEWING MACHINES AVAILABLE**

The Quilting Room has several old sewing machines, some in cabinets, all looking for good homes. They haven't been used for awhile, so will need some servicing. Contact Barb Winchester (570)244-6681.

## **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS - PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING:**

Soups, canned stews, tomato sauce; cereal, oatmeal, Pop Tarts; peanut butter, jellies/jams; canned fruits, vegetables, meats; pastas (all varieties), ramen; pickles, olives, dressings; mac-n-cheese, microwave dishes; juices, healthy snacks; ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise. **You may drop off items at the church and they will be delivered to the pantry!**

## **PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Donations to replenish Pastor's Discretionary are always appreciated! If you would like to donate, please make your check out to Bethany Lutheran Church, and mark the memo line: "Pastor's Fund." Thank You!

## **SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS NEWS**

This Christian Ministry has an emphasis on medical issues that abruptly invade people's lives. They assist with payments for medicine, supplies, and transportation, and help individuals and families coping with immediate and long-term afflictions.

Please consider giving financial support or donating any of the following, full sized items:

Toothpaste and toothbrushes, shaving cream and razors, shampoo and conditioner  
towels and wash cloths, soap, deodorant, and combs bedding and blankets  
diapers, baby shampoo, baby oil, baby Q-tips, baby wipes, baby powder  
paper, paper towels; women's hygiene products



baby items:  
tissues, toilet

## **BIBLES FOR PRISON**



Bibles for Prison are always needed. The Lycoming County Prison Chaplain reports that the number of inmates attending Bible study continues to grow, and requests for Bibles has increased. Donations to help buy Bibles would also be appreciated. Please mark your check "Bibles." Thank you.

## **YOKEFELLOW PRISON MINISTRY**

Yokefellow Prison Ministry is in need of volunteers. As more establishments are reopening, please consider how you could be a part of this ministry along with others? Contact the Yokefellow Office (570)326-6868 if you would like more information.

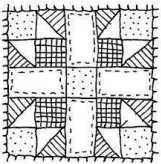
## **PROJECT LINUS – STILL MAKING BLANKETS**

We are still sharing our knitting, crocheting, and quilting gifts with others by making blankets of all sizes (baby, children, adult) for those with cancer or going through traumatic experiences at hospitals. You may bring these items to the Church Office.

## **NEED A COAT, TAKE ONE; HAVE A COAT, LEAVE ONE**

We still have our special donation coat rack in the foyer area by the Broad Street glass doors. If you have a coat (or many!) for which you no longer need, please consider adding to our supply. We are accepting children's and adult's sizes for all seasons; we also have a bin for hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves. We appreciate every donation, as there continues to be a great deal of turnover. If you know anyone in need of a coat or jacket, please remind them of our supply; it is a beautiful way of sharing care, by keeping others warm and dry!

## **QUILTING NEWS**



Quilts sent to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse that our group have sent the past 3 Octobers (26 total) were shipped on June 25th with a destination of Lebanon. These were to provide much needed relief to people in refugee camps to those fleeing Syria and Palestine's civil unrest. Unfortunately, our quilts were among three 40 ft. long cargo containers that were destroyed in the terrible blast August 4<sup>th</sup> in the port at Beirut.

LWR estimates that 22,000+ quilts, and kits for school supplies, personal care and baby care were in the shipment stored there awaiting distribution to an estimated 24,550 men, women and children who were already in great need. Now their needs are so much greater - the blast area claimed over 160 lives, injured over 5,000 and left an estimated 300,000 homeless or displaced.

We received confirmation on August 24<sup>th</sup> that our quilts were part of that loss.

The good news is that our group of quilters have a larger than usual amount of quilts to take for transport in October, thanks, in large part, to a lady in Tioga County who likes doing quilt tops and then passes them to us. We would so appreciate: any cotton sheets or fabric, as well as more volunteers!

For more information on this crisis from the blast in Beirut or other LWR projects go to [lwr.org](http://lwr.org). For anyone interested in making any donation to this issue or other LWR needs can go to:

[lwr.org/beirut](http://lwr.org/beirut) call 1(800)597-5972

or mail to: Lutheran World Relief

PO Box 17061

Baltimore MD 21297-1061

If

you have any questions or want more information, please feel free to contact me.

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## **LOOKING FORWARD - OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**



If you would like something to be included in the next newsletter, we would love to make that happen! Please keep in mind that the deadline is Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30 pm. You may reach us: (570)368-8933 [secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com](mailto:secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com) or drop off the article/submission at the office.

## **NOTES of GRATITUDE**

*A sincere Thank You for the beautiful altar flowers that we received, and an additional Thank You to Barb Winchester for delivering them to us!*

*Tom and Ann Long*

*What a surprise! The cake, lovely card, and generous gift that were presented to me at the picnic were such a lovely way to honor my retirement. I appreciate everything you shared with me, and I am so grateful for my Bethany church family.*

*Vonnie Hawley*

*Thank You Bethany community for all your acts of kindness during Ed's long illness and death. Ed looked so forward to Sunday service, receiving Jesus here, getting to know you, and friendships made.*

*Thank You for all the Get Well wishes, Birthday cards and flowers, food, and especially lifting him up in prayer to the Lord. Prayer was greatly appreciated!*

*A special Thank You for Pastor David's and Betty's visits, personal prayer time and being there for Ed and his family during this most difficult time. God Bless You All.*

*The Keller Families*

*Bonnie, Alan, and Wendy*

**REMEMBERING OUR SENIORS AT HOME**

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