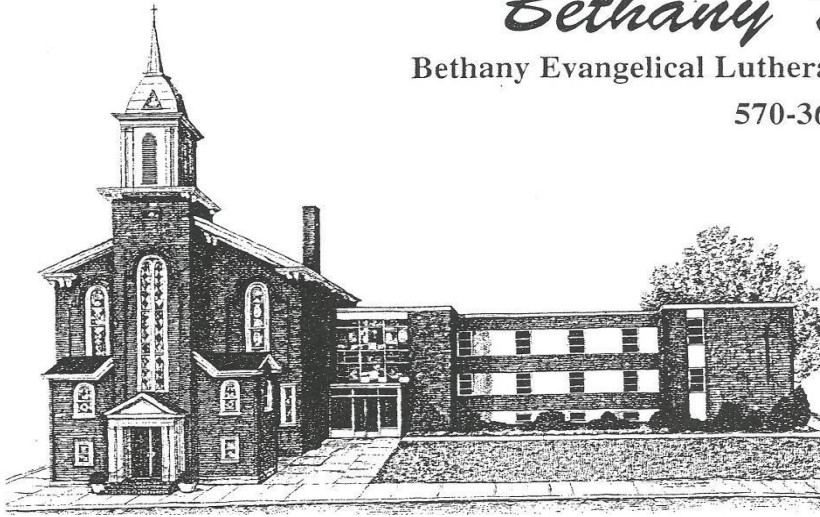


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TUREEN LUNCHESES HAVE RETURNED!

Tureen luncheons are back! Upcoming date is Sunday February 20. Games & merriment will follow the meal.

There is a sign up for main course on the bulletin board across from the Church office. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to share.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend - We hope you can join us!

CHURCH COUNCIL ACTIONS:



*The Church Council held meeting on Monday January 17th.
Highlights from January 17th meeting:*

Installation of New Council members on Sunday January 30, 2022

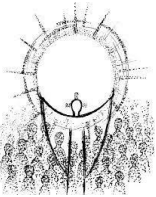
There will not be an announcement for a church closure due to weather but please use your own judgement about weather conditions and coming to church. Your health and well being are important to us.

*** Council will hold its next meeting Monday, February 21 at 7:15 pm. ***

Church Council - Monday, Feb. 21, 7:15 pm.
Newsletter Team - Monday, Feb. 28 at 9:00 am.

***Weekly:** **Quilters** - Tuesdays at 9:00 am.
Chancel Choir - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.
Handbell Choir – Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

***Bi-Weekly+:** **Bible Study** - 2nd, 4th (& 5th) Tuesdays at 7 pm.



EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Equipment is always available to borrow during recovering from surgery and for those who may be experiencing difficulties. We have walkers, canes, equipment for the bathtub and commodes are all available. Please let us know if you have any needs, and we will assist you.

HOME COMMUNION AVAILABLE

Home Communion is again available to our shut-ins! If you wish to have a pastor come and visit and administer the Sacrament, please contact Flip Oechler or the church office to schedule a visit.



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

Winter is coming, and we *know* that cold days are ahead! If you are considering some closet cleaning, we certainly can use more coats, especially as we know that there are some local families who are going through difficult times. We accept children's and adult's sizes, and have a bin for hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves.

Also, if you know **anyone** in need of a coat or jacket, please remind them of our supply.

When someone receives a gift of warmth, it helps show others that people who Love Our Lord also care about them!

Listed below are a few items that we currently need:

- Kleenex
- Paper towels
- Conditioner
- Band aids
- Shaving Cream
- Feminine Hygiene items
- Women's Deodorant

They also are grateful for any financial support. Donated items can be brought to the church; financial donations can be put in the collection plate – please designate memo “Shepherd” or “Shepherd of the Streets”

BACKPACK BREAKFAST NEWS:

The Backpack Program is continuing into this new school year. Families are grateful for the items that we are able to contribute!



They continue to appreciate our donations of:

- Oatmeal (1-2 oz. packets)
- Cream of Wheat (1-2 oz. packets)
- Boxed Cereal (Individual, 1.5-2 oz)
- Cereal Bars (individually packaged)
- Multigrain Bars; Breakfast Bars; Pop Tarts; Belvita Breakfast Biscuits (1.76 oz.)

Thank You for your blessings of these donations for our local families!

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE AT HOME

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Marjorie Gower

Elmcroft
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***PLEASE contact the office if we need to add anyone to this list AND
if you know of ANY address changes***



If for any reason you are unable to serve, PLEASE help us by trading with someone and calling the church office at (570)368-8933. **If you are unable to find a substitute, please also call the office so we can assist you. Thank You.**

ALTAR COMMITTEE

February: Katherine Hinton & Jean Wentz

COMMUNION COMMITTEE

February: Tracy Rhian & Volunteer Needed

GREETING CARDS February: June Grube

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Feb. 6: Mike Stover	Gail Stover
Feb. 13: Larry Barnard	Wes Miller
Feb. 20: Gary Inch	Tim Logan
Feb. 27: David Neidig	Karen Paulhamus
Mar. 6: Tracy Rhian	Barbara Winchester

LAY READERS

Feb. 6: Mike Stover
Feb. 13: Larry Barnard
Feb. 20: Gary Inch
Feb. 27: David Neidig
Mar. 6: Ruth Lundy

LOCK-UP

Feb. 6: Denice Palmetter
Feb. 13: Thomas Gower
Feb. 20: David Grube
Feb. 27: Charles Lichter
Mar. 6: Philip Oechler

USHERS

Feb. 6: Richard Hillegas, Michael Brouse, Gary Inch
Feb. 13: Michael & Gail Stover
Feb. 20: Deb Harmon, Fred Paulhamus, Beverly Brown, Michael Brouse
Feb. 27: Philip Oechler, Gary Oechler
Mar. 6: Tracy Rhian; Thomas Gower

**PLEASE: Contact the office if your status regarding attending services changes.
Your Help is Greatly Needed. Thank You.**



February 2022 NEWSLETTER

Our Newsletter "Team" will meet on Monday, February 28th at 9:00 am. If you would like to submit an item to be included, please call (570)368-8933, drop off submission at the office, or send: secyBethanyNALC@gmail.com **Deadline: Tuesday, February 22nd at 4 pm.**

LENTEN SERVICES

Worship & Music are discussing the return of Midweek Lenten Services! Pending Council Approval, we would love to have: Reconnect, Reflect and Renew! A Five Week Series of Midweek Lenten Services.

The discussion is on Two Midweek Offerings (Tentative):

What? Gathering for Prayer and Devotions from *In the Words of Jesus*.

Lead By: Seminarian Megan Shaffer

Where: In the Chapel

When: Noon each Wednesday in Lent

Dates: March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th

Focus: Allowing time for all of us to reconnect with others since we have been separated for so long. We will read a short devotion; through discussion we will reflect on how the devotion speaks to our individual lives and experience renewal through prayer with each other. Length of time: an hour.

What: Soup & Salad Supper with Max Lucado's *Book Anxious for Nothing*

Lead By: Seminarian Megan Shaffer

Where: Memorial Hall & the Chapel

When: Set up and arrival for Supper will begin at 5:30, with the Activities in the Chapel starting at 6:30.

Dates: March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th

Focus: A time to gather as a community and share a simple supper. Each person or group is asked to sign up to bring an item to contribute to the supper. It can be a soup, salad, bread or even a dessert. We will begin with a prayer and will break bread together. After, we will travel to the Chapel to sing a hymn and study with Max Lucado's book *Anxious for Nothing* (short video and discussion). The book is a five week

study session focusing on how we can 'Find Calm in a Chaotic World.' We will end each gathering in prayer.

Copies of the book will be available for you to take home and read. Donations toward the purchase of the books are always gladly accepted. Please contact the church office and request to be placed on the reservation list and to sign up for an item to bring each week. Book reservations will be accepted until February 27th, so we can order what is needed.

Length of time: 5:30-7:30pm.

For further details watch the weekly bulletins, our website and the church's Facebook Page!