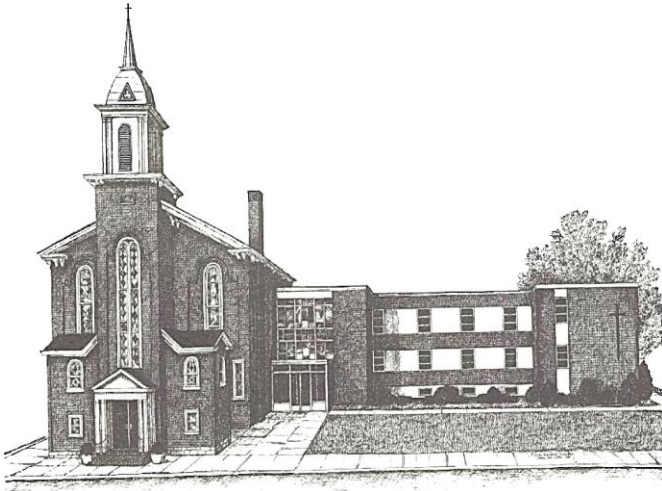


BETHANY MESSENGER



Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday Services

9:00 am Holy Communion

10:15 am Coffee / Fellowship

10:30 am Sunday School

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Bethany's Mission Statement:

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

BETHANY UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bethany renewal meeting October 2nd at 7:00 pm
- Blessing of the quilts Sunday October 8th at 9:00
- Bethany Church Tureen Lunch October 15th at 12:00 pm
Please bring a dish to share and your tableware.
- Hoss's fundraiser November 7th all day, coupons are in the newsletter and at the office.
- Atlantic Mission Region Convocation October 13th and 14th see inside



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTOR, REVEREND JAMES BARTLETT
AND FAMILY!





By the time you are reading this it will be October and Autumn will be here with cooler weather, leaves changing their color, and even more pumpkin spiced everything. Autumn is a season that seems to be rushed and we don't always take the time to look at the beauty around us that God has ordered in the changing of seasons. As we look forward to Thanksgiving and the Christmas season, take time to enjoy the foliage, pumpkins, and hay bales. Visit an orchard, have fresh cider, apple dumplings, and maybe a candied or caramel apple before winter arrives. Each season provides us with different scenery to enjoy, activities to take part in, and foods that are either ready for harvest or accompany a holiday. These are things we look forward to with expectation and anticipation, both knowing the good things that are coming and awaiting the nostalgia of re-experiencing some of our best memories through tastes, smells, and images. As with the four annual seasons I hope we can take time and appreciate the seasons of the church year, the feast days, special services, and annual church events, looking forward to them with expectation and anticipation.

Throughout our lives there are many seasons as times and circumstances change. I am humbled and delighted to be accompanying everyone at Bethany Lutheran during this season in the church's ministry. The congregation showed great hospitality to us when visiting in August and when my whole family was present on my first Sunday with you. Your warm and friendly welcome has made us feel like Bethany is our new spiritual home. Just like the changing of seasons I look forward to sharing with all of you our shared experiences from the past; those things that we do each year, that are both the same and a little different with each season in the church's life.

As we enter this new season in Bethany's ministry, I look forward to walking with you, getting to know everyone, and exploring all that God has in store for us.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor James

CHURCH COUNCIL ACTIONS: THE CHURCH COUNCIL HELD IT'S LAST

MEETING ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

2023 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT- DAVE GRUBE
VICE PRESIDENT – MIKE STOVER
SECRETARY – NICOLE CAREY
TREASURER – WES MILLER

August Reports are posted outside the church office

Council Members: Jamie Brouse, Michael Brouse, Glenn Kaufman, Kathie Snauffer, Gail Stover, Michael Stover, Sally Lomison, Tracy Rhian, Dennis Smith

*Council will hold its next meeting **Monday October 16, at 7:15pm***

Income & Expenses through July 2023

2023 Income	\$ 79,464.08
2023 Expenses	<u>112,311.11</u>
Expenses Over Income	- \$32,847.03

COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN October

Mission Oct. 9th
Christian Ed Oct. 23rd

CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE: 9:00 am. to 2:00 pm., Monday through Thursday (570)368-8933
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BETHANY'S FACEBOOK PAGE: www.facebook.com/BethanyNALC.org

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGES OF THANKS

***Thank You** – I would like to thank all of you for your kindness and support through this process. My husband and I never felt so welcomed. I must say, the food was wonderful! I love the sweets especially. My grandma much appreciated the flowers, as did we. I look forward to seeing all of you soon. Yours in Christ,*

Jennifer Bartlett

Thank You - to everyone that assisted with the Fall Festival. From organizing, to setting up, being there and tearing down, it was all greatly appreciated.

Thank You - Receiving the altar flowers for our 56th anniversary helped to make the occasion special. Many, many thanks for thinking of us. We feel blessed to have a wonderful church family and to have had so many years together.

June and Dave Grube

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Eugene Harris – Marjorie Gower - Kevin Taylor- Julie Griffiths -Marjorie Fantaskey – Joan Hiller - Betty Rosencrans – Joan Swartz - Margaret Ryan – David Erdley- Biddie & Michael - Louise and Jim – Vonnie - Fay and Harold Sausser – Colleen Davidson - Jim Sechler – Lou and Emily Bassler- Ann & Tom Long- Matthew - Evelyn Seaman – Charlie – Piper - Sadie – Iva Kressler – Peggy Shultz – Lenny and Kathy Hinton – Eileen Lauchle – The family of Eleanor Mellish – Bebe Bolich – Tonia Wilk – Mindy Gemberling and family

**TUREEN LUNCHEONS BEGIN AT BETHANY ON OCTOBER 15 AT
12:00PM**

Please bring a dish to share as well as table ware.
Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and games after the meal.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Tureen lunches are back!!

Join us on 10/15/23 @12:00 noon in Memorial Hall. Bring a dish to share (and tableware). Fellowship and activities to follow!

****Hoss's Fundraiser coming up on November 7, 2023.**

Put it on your calendar now!

Watch for coupons in the newsletter or pick one up outside the church office;

Bethany will receive a portion of your bill when you present a coupon at Hoss's on that day.

Christmas Shoe Box Shopping!

As you see all the "Back to School" sales, it is time to stock up for the shoe box Christmas mailing. These boxes need to be prepared and ready to mail the early part of November.

SAVE THE DATES-BLOODMOBILE

Our next Blood Drive will be held **Friday November 10, 2023 from 12:30 -5:30 PM.** If you are able to help with time or providing brownies, please **contact Denise Bergenstock 570-323-2984.** You are encouraged to register online or by phone: **RedCrossBlood.org** (800)733-2767), and if possible, do a pre-donation screening and health history online at **RedCrossBlood.org/Rapid Pass.**

Bible Study – ***"Twelve Ordinary Men"*** Will meet the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each Month and the fifth Thursday as it may occur, except Thanksgiving Day which leaves November 30th as the only 5th Thursday in 2023. All are welcome.

From Churches of Lycoming County

CROP Walk is October 8th. (See information sheet attached)

LAY READERS 2023

01-Oct David Neidig
 08-Oct Greg Dwulet
 15-Oct Michael Stover
 22-Oct Arlene Klepper
 29-Oct Michael Brouse
 05-Nov Bev Brown
 12-Nov David Neidig
 19-Nov Michael Stover
 26-Nov Greg Dwulet
 03-Dec Michael Brouse
 10-Dec Arlene Klepper
 17-Dec Bev Brown
 24-Dec 9AM
 24-Dec 7PM TBD
 24-Dec 10PM

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS 2023

01-Oct David Neidig
 08-Oct Tracy Rhian
 15-Oct Michael Stover
 22-Oct Arlene Klepper
 29-Oct Michael Brouse
 05-Nov Tracy Rhian
 12-Nov David Neidig
 19-Nov Michael Stover
 26-Nov Karen Paulhamus
 03-Dec Michael Brouse
 10-Dec Arlene Klepper
 17-Dec Dennis Smith
 24-Dec 9AM
 24-Dec 7PM TBD
 24-Dec 10PM

USHERS

01-Oct Michael Stover, Gail Stover
 08-Oct Philip Oechler, Gary Oechler
 15-Oct Richard Hillegas, Michael Brouse
 22-Oct Tracy Rhian, Earla Gower
 29-Oct Michael Stover, Gail Stover
 05-Nov Deb Harman, Fred Paulhamus, Beverly Brown, Michael Brouse
 12-Nov Philip Oechler, Gary Oechler
 19-Nov Tracy Rhian, Earla Gower
 26-Nov Richard Hillegas, Michael Brouse
 03-Dec Michael Stover, Gail Stover
 10-Dec Deb Harman, Fred Paulhamus, Beverly Brown, Michael Brouse
 17-Dec Philip Oechler, Gary Oechler
 24-Dec 9AM
 24-Dec 7PM
 25-Dec 10PM

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Oct-23 Jamie Brouse (570) 433-3577
 Nov-23 Volunteer Needed
 Dec-23 Volunteer Needed

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COMMUNION COMMITTEE

Oct-23 Loreen Bagwell (570) 368-3957
 Nov-23 Gail Stover (570) 368-2282 Deb Harman (570) 220-4838
 Dec-23 Gail Stover (507) 368-2282 Deb Harman (570) 220-4838

Volunteer Needed

GREETING CARDS

Oct-23 Jane Leiter (570) 368-8578
 Nov-23
 Dec-23 Ann Long (907) 227-4222

FLOWERS

01-Oct Mike/Jamie Brouse
 08-Oct Karen Paulhamus
 15-Oct Eugene & Marion Harri
 22-Oct Colleen Oechler
 29-Oct Mary Paulhamus
 05-Nov Deb Harman & Fred Paulhamus
 12-Nov Jean Beard

19-Nov Tracy Rhian
 26-Nov Donald Starr
 03-Dec Barb Winchester
 10-Dec Connie Willard
 17-Dec Von Hawley
 24-Dec Poinsettias/Andy Wentz

October 2023

BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Holy Communion 10:00 AM coffee /Fellowship –Memorial Hall 10:30 AM SCS/ Confirmation	2	3 Quilters 9:00 AM –11:00 AM	4 Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 8:00 PM	5 ** Michael & Jamie Brouse	6 *Marlin Hanner Sr. * Evelyn Seaman **Joshua & Megan Rhian	7 * Carolyn Hunter
8 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Blessing of Quilt's Holy Communion 10:00 AM coffee / Fellowship –Memorial Hall 10:30 AM SCS/ Confirmation	9 Mission Meeting 7:15 PM Committee meeting Minutes / Reports due for Council meeting	10 Quilters 9:00 AM –11:00 AM ** Brian & Carol Aldinger	11 Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 8:00 PM	12 Bible Study 7:00 PM	13 NALC ATLANTIC MISSION REGION CONVO- CATION YORK, PA	14 NALC ATLANTIC MISSION REGION CONVO- CATION ** Denise & Marianne Snyder
15 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM Holy Communion 10:00 AM coffee / Fellowship –Memorial Hall 10:30 AM SCS/ Confirmation ** Joshua & Megan Hillegas Maeulen Tureen Luncheon 12 PM	16 Church Council 7:15 PM **Patrick & Jody Mooney	17 Quilters 9:00 AM –11:00 AM <i>Newsletter items</i> <i>Due</i> **Robert & Carol Weston	18 Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 8:00 PM	19	20 **Robert & Karen Paulhamus	21 **Eugene & Marian Harris **Richard & Sharon Daugherty
22 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Holy Communion 10:00 AM coffee / Fellowship -Memorial Hall 10:30 AM SCS / Confirmation	23 Christian Ed 7:00 PM	24 Quilters 9:00 AM –11:00 AM <i>Stuff Newsletters</i>	25 Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 8:00 PM	26 Bible Study 7:00 PM	27 ** Donald & Joyce Sunderland	28 ** Robin & Darlene Connelly
29 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Handbell Choir Holy Communion 10:00 AM coffee / Fellowship -Memorial Hall 10:30 AM SCS / Confirmation * Sara Jane Aucker	30 **Gary & Linda Inch ** Ray & Linda Bomboy	31 Quilters 9:00 AM –11:00 AM				

