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April 2017

Monthly Newsletter of Bethany United Methodist Church

April Preaching Plan

April 2

Text: Romans 8:6-11
Message: "Striving for the Zero"
Key Idea: How much sin is ok? 'Well, at least I'm not as bad as the next person.' There is no acceptable level of disobedience to God.

April 9 (Palm Sunday)

Text: Luke 19:1-10
Message: "No Turning Back"
Key Idea: Living an authentic life as a God-follower means moving forward and leaving the past behind for the new thing God is doing in and through you. Your next step is always in Jesus' direction. No turning back.

April 16 (Easter Sunday- 8:15 and 10:30)

Text: John 20:1-18
Message: "Christian, pt 1 – Begin Again"
Key Idea: There are so many different understandings as to what the term 'Christian' really means. To get to the heart of it we'll begin at the heart of the Gospel: Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

April 23

Text: Acts 11:19-26
Message: "Christian pt. 2 – Living the Life, Not the Label"
Key Idea: The first followers of Jesus weren't "Christians." These men and women were known by a far more dangerous and life-transforming label. And you knew who they were because of their incredibly threatening way of life: They loved people.

April 30 (Confirmation Sunday – Confirmation Class 2017 preaching)

Message: "Christian pt. 3 – Confirmed In Faith"
Following Jesus is not just learning about Jesus. It's about a real relationship with Jesus Christ, the Lord of life. To be a Christian means claiming, living, and growing your faith 'with firmness.'

Mark Your Calendar

4.2

Holy Communion

4.9

Palm Sunday

4.13

Maundy Thursday

4.14

Good Friday

4.16

Easter Sunday

4.21

Rummage Sale

4.30

5th Sunday Noisy Coin

Confirmation

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday /Breakfast April 9
Breakfast Served from 7:30-10:30am
Worship Services @ 8:15 & 10:30am
Sunday School Processing
Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:15am

Maundy Thursday April 13
Potluck Dinner @ 5:00pm
Tennebrae Worship Service @ 6:00pm
Communion

Good Friday April 14
Ecumenical Worship Service @ 1:00pm
Salvation Army Kroc Center

Easter April 16
Three Worship Services
7:00am Sunrise
8:15 & 10:30am
No Sunday School

Palm Sunday



**Pancake & Porkie
Breakfast**

**Serving from
7:30-10:30am
Freewill Offering**

**50% of proceeds will go to our
Boy Scout Troop 1563
50% will go to our Hospitality Fund**

April Birthdays

2 Chris Demeuse
3 Liz Vercauteren, Jamie Corey
5 John Thiel
6 Robert Pigeon
7 Bill Seifert, Madeline Akbari
9 Sandy Hornick
11 Mike Wall, Emma Wiinamaki
12 Agnes Kinville, Maxwell Wessley
13 Tom Weddle, Matt Nellis
15 Diane Hansen, Patrick Fox,
Chris Walters, Camden Stuczynski
17 Dawson Hoffmann
18 Becky Diederich, Donald Nate
19 Lorie Giese, Kyle Long, Casey Shaw
20 Chris Bournelis, Janice Schlender,
Tyler Hein
21 Gene Lindauer, Dawn Brester
22 Lois Antepenko, Philip VanLaanen,
Beth Haskins, Lisa Nellis, Kayln Witak
25 Bill Oroyan
26 Susan Arias, Susan Webster
27 Rob Boudry, Brian Lauscher
28 Lauren Olp
29 Mary Haws, Elise Manders
30 Alma Webster, Sue Walters

Worship Service

Tender Hearts Assisted Living

Tuesday – April 18th

300 Cardinal Lane Green Bay WI 54313
9am in Building 1 and 10am in Building 2
(Coded entry – wait at door)

Members of our Caring Ministry Team will be leading these Worship Services. Communion will be served. All are welcome.

United Methodist Women

Friday, April 21 8A – 3P

The UMW Spring Rummage Sale is coming up! Friday, April 21. Keep that in mind as you start your spring cleaning. Toys, clothes, books, household items.... We'll get rid of them for you! Bring your rummage to Fellowship Hall starting Monday, April 17. Please no electronics!



Missions Update

Our April Mission Project

Midwest Mission



MMDC provides opportunities for individuals and groups of all walks of life, denominational backgrounds, abilities, and ages to help provide disaster relief, education and medical

supplies to those in need both locally, nationally and internationally. MMDC provides a "hands on" mission experience. For those receiving the supplies, we are bringing hope that someone somewhere loves them. To give to the Midwest Distribution Center, you may use your April offering envelope and mark the Mission section or in the memo portion of your check, please write either "April Mission or Midwest Distribution Center". Thank you.

AshCares

Bethany UMC has chosen AshCares as one of our on-going ministries to help school-aged children in our Ashwaubenon community.

New Community Shelter

We serve lunch on the second Saturday of the month. Please sign up in the Narthex to help.

Kingdom Come Food Pantry (Oconto Falls)

Non-perishable items only. Please place donated items in the basket provided at the church entry.

Used Glasses & Pop Tops

Containers located in Fellowship Hall

Boy Scout Troop 1563

Aluminum Can collection 1st Sunday
Travis Leuck Eagle Scout Ceremony April 23rd

FAQs

Pastor Robb McClintock 494-8801
greenbaypastor@yahoo.com

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:15 Worship Service
9:15 Friends & Food - Fellowship Hall
10:30 Worship Service

Church Office 494-8801

Hours Monday – Thursday 9:30am–2:30pm

Newsletter Items Due by Third Sunday

For Visits (Home or Hospital) or for Prayer Requests Contact the church office @ 494.8801

Bethany UMC Email

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Bethany UMC Website BethanyGreenBay.org

WI United Methodist Conference

wisconsinumc.org

Bethany UMC is in the North East District. We are a part of Circuit #3.

Our Bethany Family

With Sympathy to the families and friends of:

Margaret Witthuhn who passed away on 2/24/17.

Naomi Krueger who passed away on 3/8/17.

Congratulations to:

Jess & Christine Wiinamaki on the birth of Aila Louise on 3/20/17.

Blessings have been received from:

Betty Tilton in honor of Rev. Pat and Kathryn Green for their many years of service.

Fay Kegel to thank everyone for your calls and visits. Love, Fay

Greetings from Bethany's
Worship Committee

Great things are happening at our church and we are excited to incorporate some new practices that will help everyone feel welcome and find places to share their talents!

We are working with our technology crew, trustees, and sound/video system providers to make our services accessible to as many people as possible! Our experiment with Facebook Live has been very successful and we are working on linking it with our website and through our sound equipment to provide a better internet experience for those who aren't able to make it to a service.

Our name tags have not only helped Pastor Robb and visitors get to know us, but we have received feedback that many people are putting names to the faces they have seen for years!

We thank our lay speaker team for continuing to provide Wednesday night communion services. In addition to Lenten services on Wednesdays, there will also be a Maundy Thursday service on April 13 you won't want to miss!

Easter is coming! Easter is coming! A day of great celebration calls for extra special music! We are looking for musicians who would like to accompany the hymns on Easter Sunday! If you would be willing to share your musical gifts please get in touch with Jen Ciochetto. (ciochettoj@yahoo.com or 619-8966)

If music isn't your talent but you are looking for a way to be a part of fellowship at Bethany, we have plenty of opportunities! We are always looking for friendly people to help with greeting, ushering, serving communion, and helping out in fellowship hall between services.

We are working together to provide opportunities for everyone to grow in their spiritual journey. If you have any concerns or ideas please feel free to bring them to any of the worship committee members. You can even join the worship committee if the spirit moves you!

Jen Ciochetto



The Good Shepherd Altar Cloth

It has been a long-time dream of Francis Borell's to provide our congregation with a "picture" of The Good Shepherd. Many thanks to

Sindy DeNamur for her time and talents in making our new altar cloth and for making Francis' dream come true. Thank you to Francis Borell for donating the cost of the materials and sharing her dream with us.

Confirmation 

Maya Beyler and Lillian Luepke will be Confirmed on Sunday, April 30th at the 10:30am Worship Service. Please join us for this special celebration in their lives.

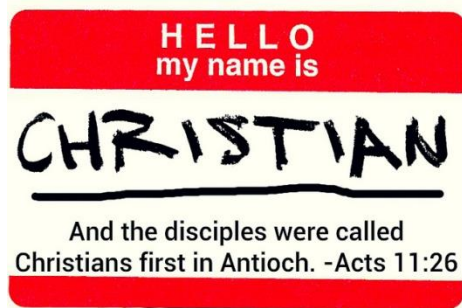
Thank you

Rev. Pat and Kathryn Green wish to thank everyone who helped with the celebration and who attended. It was awesome. Special thanks to the planners (Heidi Gertz, Colleen Griswold & Mary Vinger), the kitchen crew and servers, Pastor Robb, the Bell Choir, Paula for the delicious cakes, Heidi for decorations, Karie's flowers, etc., etc. We love you all!

Dear Bethany Friends,
Thank you to all who said prayers, sent cards and visited during our journey with Pete's cancer. Your support has truly been felt. Sincerely, Marian Hampton & Family

Pastor Robb observations

If someone were to ask whether you are a Christian, how would you likely respond? Would you feel the need to qualify the answer in some way like, “I am a Christian but I’m not one of those (kinds of Christians)?” Would you answer the question in terms of your experiences with organized religion: “I was baptized Catholic but my family never went to mass and I went to Lutheran camp with my boyfriend. After we broke up, I was re-baptized a Baptist but ended up marrying a Presbyterian. We now attend The Non-Denominational Pentecostal Liberal Orthodox Church Named For A River of the Pines That Meets In A Dairy Barn-Turned Coffee Shop?” (If you visit this church you must bring me a bulletin!)



Would you shy away from the question altogether even though you aren't entirely uncomfortable with this label?

Why is it that even Christians struggle to answer such a simple question as to whether they are, in fact, Christian?

I think it's because we don't know what it means. It seems that Christianity can be defined almost any way we want to define it. No wonder we are confused!

The term “Christian” can be good, bad, attractive or repelling. There are “Christians” on every side of every issue. There are things done in the name of Christianity that many people have reason to be proud of and there are other things done under this label which might be some of the

worst things people have done to other people!

Does being a “Christian” have anything to do with the person, Jesus, whom we might seek to know and follow from Scripture?

Well, let's take it on! Starting on EASTER SUNDAY, April 16, and over the next several weeks, we're going to wrestle with the word and the label, “Christian,” because we need to know who we are. And if you are brand new to the experience of church or haven't been here for awhile – you just might find out who you are in a powerful way. Don't miss a single installment!

This might just be the perfect time to invite someone to church who has been hurt by, or has misunderstood “Christians.” Because I believe if we really knew who we are and how to be that, we can change the world and offer real hope.

Here's where we'll start:

The word “Christian” is only mentioned 3 times in the entire Bible and it is never used by the people who started the first churches to describe themselves! They used a different, far more helpful, far more meaningful and threatening label.

Want to know more? See you at Bethany.

Yours in Christlife,

Pastor Robb

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Gospel Reading



Psalm 100:5 The LORD is good and his love endures forever. The LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting. Yahweh is good, and His love is eternal. The LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Palm Sunday, April 9th

Students Meet in Fellowship Hall at 8:00am. Students processing at 8:15 am worship. 9:15 am Sanctuary for Praise Songs & Easter Egg Hunt. Students then process for 10:30 am worship

Happy Easter from the Sunday school teachers and helpers!



No class on April 16th

Upcoming Dates:

May 14th Mother's Day and
Last day of Sunday
School

Coming Soon...

Vacation Bible School Information! Look for an exciting Bible story & fun activities.

PENNY WAR RESULTS

2yr old – Kindergarten = \$171.17*

1st – 5th Grade = \$139.69

Junior High = \$81.34

Senior High = \$48.19

Total received for Kingdom Come Food Pantry
\$440.39 Thank you!



VBS 2017

Program Coordinator Needed

As we embrace the summer season, we are in need of a Vacation Bible School (VBS) coordinator(s) for the children's VBS program. VBS is held in summer for 1 day typically on a Saturday.

The coordinator(s) holds an important position within the children ministries. The coordinator(s) is responsible for overseeing the program and music, with the help and support of the Education team.

If you are interested or would like more information, please talk or contact Emily Caelwearts
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or Lisa Nellis
minellis0721@yahoo.com

