



## **WELCOME TO BETHANY!**

If you're reading this, you are with us in spirit... and that means so much to us! If you're visiting with us today, we're so glad you've joined us. Really! We feel honored that you would worship with us, and we pray God will use our service to bless you and strengthen your faith.

If you have any questions about what's going on, don't hesitate to [email us](#). You can also give us a call (920-452-0051), but you may need to leave a message because we're working from home as much as we can. (Staff extensions are listed at the end of the bulletin.)



**WORSHIP WITH US:** Summer live-stream worship service will be held each Sunday at **9:00am** at **[bethanysheboygan.online.church](#)**. (You can find a direct link on our website.) All you need is a device (computer, tablet or smartphone) with internet capability. Please join us — and if you have any questions (or have technical difficulties), email Jane or Pastor Jon. "See" you online on Sunday!

**NEXT OUTDOOR WORSHIP:** This Wednesday, August 12, we will be gathering outside for an in-person worship service (weather permitting). Everyone is invited, we will not be requiring face masks (though they are highly recommended), and we will be singing together. We ask that families remain 6 ft. apart and that you respectfully maintain this distance at all times. Bring a chair or blanket from home, if you can, as this will really help us with setup and cleaning. We look forward to seeing each other's faces and hearing our voices and worshipping God together in-person. (Note: We will still be offering the on-line streaming service on Sunday morning at 9am.)

### **THIS WEEK**

Carry Each Other's Burdens

Gal 6:2

In our society, we need to be seen as independent and self-sufficient. We don't want to be a burden to anyone, whether it's the government, our friends, or even our kids (as we get older). That's okay as far as it goes. But Paul encourages us to "carry each other's burdens." Yet it's pretty hard to do this if we're not willing to let our needs be known. I'm not advocating that we broadcast our needs to everyone, but I do wonder: When is the last time you shared a need with anyone? Do you have a few good friends you can ask for help when you need it?

### **NEXT WEEK (AUGUST 16)**

Live in Harmony (Rom 12:16; Phil 4:1)



**MIDWEEK PRAYER:** Need a break in the middle of the week to connect with God? Each Wednesday afternoon, we are posting a prayer practice on our YouTube channel and on Facebook. Choose a 15 min space that works for you and join in prayer. Even praying the same prayers at different times is a way we can pray together this season.

**ONE ANOTHER GUIDES & LAUNCH CHALLENGE:** As we explore how to treat one another this summer, we're creating a short One Another Guide that includes a few reflection questions based on our key passage. Also, each guide includes a "Positive Launch Challenge" — a way to start your day with focus. You can find the guide [here](#) or on our webpage.

**VBS IS HAPPENING!** We had our first "home VBS" this week — and will be available all month. This year VBS is happening in homes in small groups. Materials are available on Bethany's website. If you haven't talked with Jill Harmelink about hosting VBS for your kids or grandkids, it's not too late. Materials will be available all of August. Give Jill H. a call or email her, and she'll get you started. If you would like to be part of VBS by helping lead in someone else's home or by being a prayer partner, Jill H. would like to hear from you.



**NEW DAY MEAL.** Our next Drive-Up New Day Meal is August 18. If you would like to help out with either the preparation or the serving, please let Teresa Claerbout know. (920-918-0466 [tclaerbout@icloud.com](mailto:tclaerbout@icloud.com)). We had a much better turnout last month. Pray that the word continues to spread!

**VOLUNTEER:** The non-profit agencies of Sheboygan (United Way, Love INC, etc.) have created a single website that lists many opportunities for serving our community. You can find the link on [our website](#).



**BRAT FRY TAILGATE THIS WED!** Join us on Wed (Aug. 12) for our next tailgate — a good old fashioned brat fry and a great chance to connect with others! Bring your lawn chairs and soda. We'll start serving food at 5:30 pm, but you can come earlier and hang out if you like!

**NOTE:** We do need your order ahead of time and there are three ways to do this. 1) We've sent everyone an email with a link to an order form. 2) You can access the order form on our website. 3) Call Melissa [on Monday morning](#) to place your order. We hope you'll join us and stay for our outdoor worship service at 6:30pm. (If it rains, there will be no tailgate or outdoor service.)

**CAR HOPS NEEDED.** We need some people who would be willing to walk around (or roller skate) and take orders and deliver food. You'll be able to keep all your tips! ;) If you are willing to help out, please contact [jill@bethanyrc.com](mailto:jill@bethanyrc.com).



**GIVING:** There are ways you can continue to faithfully give to God's work in and through Bethany, even if we aren't gathered in person. Either mail your offerings to Bethany (1315 Washington Ave, Sheboygan, 53081) or go to our secure, online page, which you can access at our website. Just look for the "Give Online" button. You can also text your giving to 920-280-0042. If you need any help please contact Melissa. She is happy to help!

**CONTACTING CHURCH STAFF:** Our staff are mostly working from home. **If you need to reach a member of Bethany staff, the best way to reach them is to send an email**, as they will be checking email regularly. If you call the church office and leave a message on their voicemail, know they will access these messages while working at home, but these messages will be checked less regularly

**WORDS OF HOPE:** The new Words of Hope are available in a plastic bin outside the door by the kitchen.

**A LITTLE TLC.:** The Capital Campaign committee has everything needed for painting the hallways and Lenters room, and now is the perfect time to do it! Plus, if we can get some volunteer help, we will save a considerable amount of money and complete the project while the church building's use is minimal. We are in need of volunteer painters! If you are willing to help paint, please let Rich Uttech know (920)207-4465.

**CONSISTORY CORNER:** The consistory met this past week after a summer break in July. We continue to be concerned that our giving is down almost \$2000.00 per week compared to budget. Summer has traditionally been lower and pray that many will resume normal giving this fall. Primary city voting will be held at Bethany on Aug 11 in the Fellowship Hall. Wednesday services will be held in the Sanctuary until painting is completed in the Fellowship Hall. Stay in prayer as we continue to talk about fall schedules and a new prayer program was discussed for all ages.

**BUDGET UPDATE: JULY**

Weekly Average Received	\$6,328 per week
Weekly Average Budgeted	\$7,499 per week
Amount behind budget	\$1,171 per week

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