

CONSISTORY CORNER: At our monthly consistory meeting on Thursday, we had a new topic to discuss: COVID19. It's a virus that has gone viral! Like everyone, we want to take responsible steps to keep our community healthy. We also don't want to let fear and panic drive our actions because that will only create more problems. In the days and weeks ahead, we will continue to research and discern what our response should be. And we'll be sure to communicate that with you.

BUDGET UPDATE:

Actual Received in Jan. \$27,660.35 (\$34,744.50 Budgeted)
Compared to Budget -\$ 7,084.15

Bethany Church Calendar for the Week of March 16 - 22

<u>Mon</u>	11:00am	ADRC (M - F)
	5:30pm	Rainbow Kids
<u>Tues</u>	5:00pm	New Day Meal
<u>Wed</u>	9:30am	Sister to Sister Bible Study
	5:30pm	Joyful Noise
		Wednesday Night Meal
		High School Activity
	6:15pm	Bell Choir
	6:30pm	The Connection (Wednesday Night Service)
<u>Thurs</u>	1:30pm	ADRC Bingo
	6:00pm	Samaritan's Hand Women's Bible Study
<u>Sun</u>	10:00am	Worship Service (Café Bethany following)
	12:30pm	Bethel Worship Service

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WELCOME TO BETHANY!

We're so glad you have joined us. On Sundays during this season of Lent, we are learning to pray like Jesus. And we'll be practicing different kinds of prayer during our Wed worship services (called The Connection). If you have any questions about Bethany or this week's activities, please stop by the Welcome Center outside the sanctuary. And please join us for Cafe Bethany afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. We'd love to get to know you better.

THIS WEEK

Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Quiet Times
Matthew 6:5-8, Luke 4:42, Luke 6:12-13

Do we want to simply *know* how Jesus prayed or do we want to *pray* like Jesus prayed? It's an essential question. If we want to pray like Jesus, then we will have to learn to be comfortable with silence and solitude. Jesus spent regular times in silence and solitude. He did a lot of listening during his times of prayer. (It's unlikely he would have prayed all night without long stretches of silence.) And in John, Jesus tells others, "These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me." (John 24:24)

We live in a world full of noise — a world where faster and louder and flashier is better. But God's voice isn't heard in noise. It's heard when we are quiet, still... and listening. Are you willing to listen?

NEXT WEEK (March 22)

Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Praying for Direction
Mk. 1:35; Lk. 6:12; Matt. 26:36-46



LEARN HOW TO PRAY. Each Wednesday at 6:30pm, we're gathering for about 45-50 minutes to focus on one aspect of Jesus' prayer life. We're hoping to get better at prayer simply by imitating Jesus.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: Beginning Sunday, April 19, learn what it means to be a member at Bethany, our teachings and history, as well as discovering why following Jesus matters. If you have questions, see Pastor Steve or Pastor Jon.

EASTER PLANTS: If you would like to purchase a flowering plant in honor or in memory of someone to help decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, sign up at the Ministry Center. Plants are \$10 each, and you can take them home after Easter services.



MARCH'S MISSION OFFERING: This morning, Carol from The Gathering Place will be sharing about their mission and how they serve those affected by memory loss.

NEW DAY MEAL: This Tuesday, we will be serving our New Day Meal to our community. Please join us at 5pm as we serve and share a meal with others. We are also in need of desserts, which can be delivered anytime on Tuesday.

BLOOD DRIVE: Mark your calendars for our annual Good Friday Blood Drive on April 10. You can already sign up to donate online. And if you would like to volunteer, please talk to Jo Ann Brunnbauer (668-8560).



VBS: Grab your hard hat and work boots. Workers are still needed to teach bible stories, run crafts, lead games, make decorations and more. You have the skills! Come sign up today.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: There will be no Sunday School for any ages on March 22.

"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY." This lent, in our worship, small groups, and adult Sunday School, we're going to follow Jesus around and watch how he prays — and teaches us to pray.

BETHANY WOMEN'S MINISTRY will be holding its Spring Fling on Sat, April 18. More information — and tickets — are available in the lobby.



INVITE SOMEONE to our Wednesday Night Meal this week at 5:30 pm. Enjoy a brat fry and time together.

FAMILIES: On Sunday, April 5th, we will have all our children and youth ages 3 to Grade 12 be part of our Hospitality at Bethany. All are welcome to serve as greeters and hosts for Cafe Bethany. Look for a letter in your mailbox, or copies at the Ministry Center for more details.

THANK YOU: The Bakker and the Izenbart families extend gratitude for the thoughts, prayers, and floral arrangements from the Bethany family following the loss of Brenda Bakker's mother, Norma, and Larry's wife, Joanne. Continue to hold their families in prayer.



CHURCH USAGE: Please remember that if you are the last one to leave the building to make sure all doors are locked and lights are turned off. There is a 'Building Checklist' located near each of the main entrances.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who helped Bethany host the Wisconsin Classis meeting this past Tuesday. The Women's Ministry arranged for and served the meals, and our Worship Team provided worship. It was very much appreciated!