

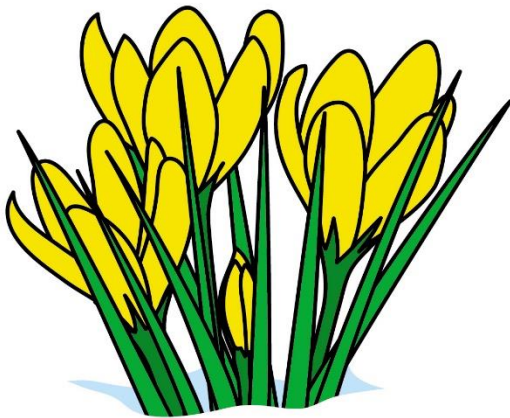
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## Growing Bethany

It was a couple of weeks ago, as I was walking into the church, that I was reminded by one of our members just how wonderful our worship space is at Bethany. The building itself, along with the constant care of the grounds by so many of you, continually adds to the beauty of the worship space and serves as a reminder that this is a place to come to for the worship of our Lord and Savior.

But, I also thought that even more important than the beauty of the site that was put in place almost fifteen years ago, is your willingness to go and tell others about Bethany Lutheran, and to invite them to 'come and see' this place. Your ongoing dialogue of faith at Bethany can only continue if we are all willing to go out into the community and tell others about our church, our mission, and our ministry. And you are the voices that can share that message with others.

In the third chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote:

*"According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder, I lay a foundation and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For only one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ."*

I believe that the Apostle Paul's message to us, is that the church rests on the proclamation of truth about our Savior, and it is up to each of us to offer the message of Jesus Christ to all people. Christ is the core, the center, the foundation on which we continually build on in our church. We then are called to go out into the community to share Christ with our friends and neighbors, and to invite them to join with us in proclaiming the Good News.

As we move into Spring and toward the Summer months, work will be done on our property. Additions to the playground will be put up soon, and there will be many hands at different times during the summer months that will be raking leaves, fertilizing the soil, mowing, and making our place of worship ready for us and others. But at the same time, we need to be out and about telling others about how we celebrate our Risen Lord. And we do that by planting seeds of hope in the hearts and minds of others, and telling others about our church that believes in the message of Christ for all.

God's blessings to all,  
Pastor Carl

# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 9:00 AM Worship Svc w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship/ Sunday School  Pastor Chis	6	7 9:00 AM Quilting & Prayer Shawls	8	9	10	11
12 9:00 AM Worship Svc w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship/ Confirmation Class  Pastor Carl	13	14 9:00 AM Quilting & Prayer Shawls	15	16	17	18
19 9:00 AM Worship Svc/Confirmation 10:00 AM Fellowship  Pastor Carl & Pastor Chris <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	20	21 9:00 AM Quilting & Prayer Shawls  6:00 PM Church Council Meeting	22	34	24	25
26 9:00 AM Worship Svc 10:00 AM Fellowship  Pastor Carl <b>Food Shelf Sunday</b>	27 <b>Memorial Day</b>	28 9:00 Start Setting Up for Garage Sale	29	30	31 <b>8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Garage Sale</b>	

## May 2024

**Team Oberton:** Gary & Susan Oberton, Marilyn Muller, Dave & Sharon Cina, Kathy Wray, Doug & Jackie Wiherski, Gary & Tracy Statema, Tom Sullivan & Ashley Statema

## June 2024

**Team Bueckers:** Norb & Jan Bueckers, Ken & Judy Shorter, Roxie Flicek, Charlie & Anna Hansen, John & Phyllis Nelson, Don & Heddie Wolbeck, Wade & Kayla Sandbakken, Rick & Donna Lundgren



May 29<sup>th</sup> Gary & Tracy Statema

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gary Oberton
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Cina
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Monte Bramstedt
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia Crawford
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Carl Larson
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Anderson
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Hansen
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Doug Wiherski
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**Vacation Bible School:** This year's VBS theme is hometown Nazareth, where Jesus was a kid. Kids will travel back in time to learn about Jesus' hometown and what his childhood was like! We'll learn how people stood up for their faith among people who doubted that a carpenter's son could really be God's Son. Sounds like an exciting week!! Please contact Roxie Flicek with questions.

**Garage Sale:** Bethany will be holding the Annual Youth Garage Sale on Friday and Saturday, May 31 - June 1. Any donated items may be dropped off and put into the end classroom. If you are bringing things from a previous garage sale, please remove the price tags before bringing to the church. The money raised from the sale will go towards the youth and chaperones attending the Youth Conference in New Orleans this summer.

**Quilt Blessing:** We will have another quilt blessing on Sunday, May 12.

**Confirmation:** Two of Bethany's youth, Emily Oberton & Wyatt Petersen, will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

**2024 Quilt Raffle:** The quilt is on display in the fellowship hall. Tickets are being sold for \$1.00. See one of the Women of Bethany if you would like to sell tickets to friends and family.

**Outdoor Worship:** The dates of the Saturday evening outdoor worship are June 8 and August 17. There will be a BBQ supper at 5:00 PM and worship at 6:00 PM.