

PASTOR'S PAGE

The Plan of God

Jesus began to teach them that the Son of man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Mark 8:31

Jesus' death was not an accident. It is not the story of a good man who just happened to come to a bad end. On at least three different occasions, Jesus told His disciples beforehand what would occur, but they would not believe Him. But after His resurrection and Ascension, Saint Peter preached powerfully on the day of Pentecost that Jesus was "delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God."

This plan was first pronounced against that old serpent, the devil, in the Garden of Eden. God gave signs and symbols of this plan throughout Israel's history. The prophets repeatedly revealed this plan through their preaching and writings. The events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection were the fulfillment of God's plan. Jesus gave up himself in love, and this ultimate sacrifice brought God's salvation to the world.

During the season of Lent, we will study Jesus' death at the Wednesday evening Lenten and the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Holy Week worship services. We will hear again the story of God's plan of salvation for us in the death of His Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Join us each week as we reflect upon the following lessons.

Ash Wednesday, February 22	Mary and Judas	Mark 14:1-11
Wednesday, February 29	Gethsemane	Mark 14:32-42
Wednesday, March 7	Betrayal and Arrest	Mark 14:43-52
Wednesday, March 14	Trial before Caiaphas	Mark 14:53-65
Wednesday, March 21	Peter's Denial	Mark 14:66-72
Wednesday, March 28	Trial before Pilate	Mark 15:1-15
Maundy Thursday, April 5	The Last Supper	Mark 14:12-31
Good Friday, April 6	Jesus' Death and Burial	Mark 15:16-47

Before each service, please read the indicated verses from the Gospel of Mark. Pray for God's Spirit to use this time of contemplation to strengthen you in your faith and love for Him. Then join us for worship at 7:00 pm on these dates. Together, we will explore anew God's plan of salvation in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. I'll see you in church.

God's Blessings,

Pastor Ferro

Lenten and Easter Prayer Vigils February 25, March 24, and April 28

Lent is a time to deepen our relationship with God through prayer and worship. Spending time in the quiet and beauty of our church sanctuary is a wonderful way to strengthen your faith and connect with God in the midst of our busy lives. Our church will be open on Saturday February 25, March 24, and April 28 from 9:00am to 12:00pm for a time of prayer, reflection, and meditation. Soft music, candlelight, and prayer materials will help enhance your experience. Come and join us for this special time with God.

Announcements

Young At Heart February 15th

Our Young At Heart may be getting a 'little older; a few more grey hairs [or what is left!] but we continue on. Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, rain or shine/hot or cold, in the social hall. Lunch is served at 12:30 pm with a program following. We ask for a membership fee of \$15.00 to help pay for programs and \$5.00 for lunch each month. So with that in mind, plan ahead and mark your calendars: Feb. 15, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19. We will keep you posted as to programs in the Sunday bulletin and Bethany News. Plan to join us, Barb Stockhaus

ALTAR GUILD

A big Thank You to all who helped at both ends of the Christmas Season with decorating and un-decorating the church. We had over a dozen people helping to take out boxes, assembling and decorating the Christmas trees in both the sanctuary and the Welcoming Room before Christmas, and putting up the wreaths and swags on and over doors and doorways. We also had about ten people helping to take down and put away all the decorations for the coming year.

We especially thank Paul Goebel for setting up and taking down the aisle candles for the Christmas services. Paul's ability to create and install pieces that need replacing has kept the tradition of the aisle candles going. We appreciate all Paul does do to make this happen.

Look for your Easter Flower Order Forms in early March. We plan to have the same assorted plants, white lilies, tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths, and hopefully will be able to keep the price the same, at \$8.00 per plant. You can call the Church office after March 1 to request forms if you need them.

If you have any questions, please call Linda Ferro at 216.265.1747 or talk to any Altar Guild member after church on Sundays.

Boosters Basket Raffle...The Winners are...

Ice Cream– Joey Chamot
Christmas– Chuck Bossart
Gardening – Jean Fortini
Jar Cookies– Jane Buehner
Baby – Jim Morano
Homemade Kitchen–
Janet Campbell
Jingle Pups– Mary Kahelin

Red Basket– Jane Buehner
Bethlehem–
The Zangmeister family
Sweet Bag– The Ferro family
Baby Items– Lynn Sparks
Italian – Joe West
German– Herman Hasselbrack
Sleigh and Drinks – Karen Lessa

Tastefully Simple –
Ricky Nelson
New Year – Sandy Dolar
Ice Cream – Barb Stockhaus
OSU – Jonathon Canterbury
Puzzles – Georgann Carte
Christmas – Judi Hockey

Time to sign up...

There are still many dates available to sign up to sponsor bulletins and dedicate altar flowers. The flower book is located outside the church office. Cost of the Flowers is \$15.00 per vase. TWO vases are available for dedication each Sunday. You may pick up your flowers after second service. Sign up outside the sanctuary to help underwrite to cost of producing our weekly bulletin. The cost of sponsoring bulletins is \$30 per week. Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Worship & Soup Suppers

Join us for mid-week Lenten worship beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22, at 7:00pm. For the following five Wednesdays: February 29, March 4, 11, 18 and 25; we will have a soup supper at 6:00pm before worship at 7:00pm. Please join us. If you would like to volunteer to provide soup, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary.

*Announcements***ONWARD AND UPWARD UPDATE**

Thank you for your ongoing support for Bethany's Onward and Upward capital venture. Your generosity has enabled us to make *over \$45,500* in payments on the mortgage. In addition, *we have given \$ 6,750* to support various benevolent ministries including the ELCA Malaria Campaign, Disaster Relief to Minot, North Dakota, Hunger Relief for Somalia, the Cleveland Food Bank, the Bread Basket, and Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries.

Thank you to everyone who has given to this capital venture.

Catherine Archer	Michael Hamed	Ed Palm
Richard and Martha Beckwith	George Hansen	Sandra Pearsall
Sandra Bennett	Herman & Martha Hasselbrack	John and Pam Penrod
Joan Bergmann	Karen and David Hay	Joshua Penrod
Leonard and Ruth Bergmann	Rev. George Haynes	Paul Penrod
Gary and Lynn Blakemore	Walter Heber	James and Lynn Persinger
Chuck Bossart	Marge Helms	Carolyn Petchler
Carole Brown	Tim and Lisa Hirzel	Earle Pfingsten
Anna Bugosh	Karen Hjort	John and Sue Popham
Robert and Susan Burdick	Otto and Maudie Holm	Emil and Mary Ramba
Donna Burns	Roger and Kitty Howell	Jane Rauschenbach
Cecil and Janet Campbell	Erich Igel	Marion Reddy
Carrie Canterbury	Peter and Joyce Igel	Carol Reynolds
Jonathon Canterbury	Liz Jarvi	Kristi Ross
Georgann Carte	Robert and Mary Kahelin	June Russell
Mandy Carte	William and Jean Kerrick	Jeffrey and Joanne Sadlon
Susan and Doug Chamot	Todd Kiick	Jerry and Susan Sadlon
Betty Covert	Danielle Kobella	Kristine Sapatka
Norma Cole	Doug and Kristine Kobella	Fred Scheuerman
Dawn Crain	Kara Kobella	Doris Schnepf
Richard and Karelyn Darvas	Mariah Kobella	Mark and Joan Sloan
Samuel Dittmar	Elmer Kochmit	Lynn Sparks
Susan DeCrane	Al and Rose Kovach	Ingeborg Stamper
Wayne and Sandy Dolar	Jackie Krieger	Phyllis Stewart
Norb and Wilma Ebner	Karen Lemermeier	Norm and Barb Stockhaus
Louise Ellenberger	Karen Lessa	Evelyn Stubner
Rev. Robert and Linda Ferro	Scott Lessa	Thomas and Diane Swope
Anna Ferro	Bob Levkulich	Melissa Todd
David Ferro	Richard and Laura Little	Sarah Todd
George and Judy Flamik	Pat Lusardo	Rev. John and Jean Uhle
Edward and Linda Foland	Mary Frances McGinty	William and Bonita Ulvila
Jean Fortini	Harry Mergler	Sandra Vanta
Samuel Fuchs	Bob and Grace Metter	Audrey Vargo
Paul Goebel	Mike and Jill Miller	Diane Wagner
Velma Gonosz	Robert and Keli Miller	Tyler Wagner
Milton and Donna Good	Ruth Moore	Matthew Wenham
Jane and Mark Griner	James and Jeannine Morano	Shirley Wishner
Elizabeth Grothe	Ricky and Debbie Nelson	Marcie Woodhouse
Karen Guelker	Ken and Louann Neuzil	Jason Zangmeister
Bob and Kay Hamed	Louise Nickerson	John and Judy Zangmeister

Please mark your calendars for April 22! Following 11:00am worship we will celebrate the one year anniversary of the Onward and Upward capital venture with a roast beef dinner. More details to follow!

*Announcements***The Bread Basket**

The next time you are grocery shopping, pick up a couple extra non-perishables to donate to the Bread Basket, our neighborhood food pantry. The need in our community is greater than ever. Nearly everyday someone calls the church office asking for information about food programs. Bethany English Lutheran collects non-perishables in the containers just inside the Welcoming Room doors. Examples of the items that the Bread Basket always needs include: 100% fruit juice, cereal, soup, pasta, peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, canned vegetables, pork and beans, applesauce, spaghetti sauce, rice, beef stew, canned meat, tuna, canned tomatoes, etc. For more information on the Bread Basket, please call 216-251-0782.

BYOM

In an effort to be a little greener the Outreach Committee would like to encourage members to bring their own coffee or travel mugs from home to coffee hour. Every non-disposal cup used is one less in a landfill. Enjoy your morning cup of joe and help the environment at the same time!

**2012 Annual Meeting
February 19, 10:00am**

Please join us for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 19th between services. We will discuss what Bethany English Lutheran Church achieved in 2011 and our goals for 2012. Please pick up a copy of the 2011 Annual Report from the Welcoming Room and review it before the meeting.

Thank You

Dear Bethany Friends,

Thank you so much for your support of the May Dugan center coat drive; because of your generosity we have given many children in Cleveland warm coats this winter. Sincerely, Sandy Vanta

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful angel Christmas card, the New Testament Bible, chocolate kisses, and card signed by so many. Bethany is very special to me. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you especially to Janet Campbell who delivered the gifts, for her visit. Warmly, Jane Rauschenbach

Dear Bethany Family,

Thank you for your gifts of love to make Christmas so blessed. Each of your signed greetings were touching. Thank you to good friends, Pastor Ferro and Pastor Kerrick. Happy New Year to all, Ruth, Carol and Joan Bergmann.

To the Bethany Counters,

I received your thank you card yesterday that brought tears to my eyes. I enjoyed all the years that I was able to be a counter. Thank to all of you for brightening my day. God Bless you for your caring thoughts. June Russell

Dear Friends at Bethany,

You many wishes and greetings for a fast and healthy recovery have been greatly appreciated and I should be out and about soon! Thank you all for thinking about me! Fred Scheurman

To my Bethany Family,

I appreciate so much the card and gift bag that I received today. Many thanks for thinking of me – May God bless you and keep you in his care. June Russell

Bethany Ladies,

You made a difference! At the Christmas Tea we collected 78 pairs of gloves and mittens which were donated to those in need! Thanks to you there are now 156 warm hands! Thank you, Barb Stockhaus and the Christmas Tea volunteers.

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support during our mother's final illness and passing. The church was always important in her life. Sincerely the Evans and Drap family

*Christian Education and Youth Ministries***High School Youth Night February 26th 6-8pm**

Calling all High School Students! Get your homework done early and join us February 26th for a fun evening of games and fellowship. We will have pizza and snacks...bring a friend!

CONFIRMATION

Thursday, February 2	7:15pm	The Judges
Thursday, February 9	7:15pm	The Philistine Menace
Thursday, February 16	7:15pm	The United Kingdom – Saul
Friday, February 17	5:00pm	Leave for Confirmation Retreat
Saturday, February 18	5:00pm	Return from Confirmation Retreat
Thursday, February 23	7:15pm	The United Kingdom – David

Remember!
You need 15 Sermon notes
by May 17...there are only
17 Sundays left!

Sunday School – Easter Breakfast

April 8th 9:30am

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Annual Easter Breakfast between worship services on April 8. As always we need volunteers to bake egg bakes, help set up on the 7, and help clean up after the breakfast. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa in the office at 216-941-7880

In Our Prayers...

Many of our members and their family and friends have been in our prayers. May God's loving and healing hand continue to bless and keep all who call upon Him, especially:

Pastor Heber, Sarah Kopetz, Logan Miller, Jean Kerrick, Herman Hasselbrack, June Russell, Jim and Jeannine Morano, Wayne Dolar, Jane Buehner, Bob Metter, Mary Ramba, Martha Beckwith, Carrie Canterbury, Evelyn Anderson, Ken DeCrane, Jonathon Canterbury; Judy, sister-in-law of Marion Reddy; Richard Frantz, uncle of Lisa Hirzel; Jim Mc Nerney, uncle of Sandy Dolar; Chris Gouch, nephew of Joanne and Jeff Sadlon; Elaine Darvas, mother of Rick Darvas; Jim Hajab, friend of Bob and Grace Metter; Art Travis, brother-in-law of Sharon Kopetz; Bob Bulman, friend of Fuzzy and Linda Foland; Nijmeh Rafeedie, mother-in-law of Chuck Bossart; Karen West, daughter-in-law of Joe West; Cindy Serafini, friend of Otto and Maudie Holm; Terry McGahan, father of Amy McGahan; John Karpac, brother-in-law of Norb and Wilma Ebner

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of:

- † Ingeborg Drap, December 3, 2011
- † John Luekens, December 18, 2011
- † Rosalie Brookins, December 27, 2011
- † Edna Buehner, sister-in-law of Jane Buehner
- † Robert Hathaway, father of Shawn Hathaway
- † Mike Ulvila, nephew of Bill and Bonnie Ulvila
- † Carole Katrambus, cousin of Doug Chamot

From the Office**What Happened to the Photo Directory?**

The short answer is...I don't know. The company we have been working with for the past 18 months to produce the photo directory has lost our information several times and did not even begin printing until late 2011. Hopefully we will receive it soon...In the mean time we have put together a regular directory with many updated addresses and telephone numbers. Please pick one up from the Welcoming Room. If you are unable to attend worship on Sunday and would like a directory mailed to you, please contact me in the office. Thanks! Melissa

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Annual Meeting 11:00am Worship	6:45pm Bethel 7:00pm AA Assembly Hall	7:00pm Council 7:30pm Altar Guild	Ash Wednesday 7:00pm Worship	6:30pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Bethel Ward 19 Democrats 7:15pm Confirmation 7:45pm Chancel Choir		9-12 Prayer Vigil
26	27	28	29			
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<i>Date</i>	<i>Liturgical Assistant</i>	<i>Comm. Assistant</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Child. Sermon</i>	<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Counters</i>	<i>Elevator</i>	<i>Nursery</i>
February 5 8:30	N Stockhaus	N Stockhaus S DeCrane B Stockhaus			M Hirzel	B Levkulich B Stockhaus N Stockhaus B Todd	J Buehner G Hansen J Sadlon	E Kochmit	S Todd M Todd
February 5 11:00		B Kahelin M Kahelin J Zangmeister	K Kobella	K Darvas	M Hazlett J Penrod	P Goebel D Kobella K Kobella	H Hasselbrack R Moore L Nickerson	K Guelker	K Kobella M Kobella
February 12 8:30		S Todd T Dunlap S Sadlon	S Todd		R Sadlon	B Levkulich B Stockhaus N Stockhaus B Todd	M Sloan J Sloan N Haug	N Stockhaus	S Chamot
February 12 11:00		D Kammerman M Carte J Szustak	D Kammerman	S Todd	B Szustak M Szustak	P Goebel D Kobella K Kobella	B Miller K Miller S Bennett P Lusardo	R Beckwith	G Carte M Carte
February 19 8:30		M Holm J Buehner B Levkulich	M Holm		A Ferro	B Levkulich B Stockhaus N Stockhaus B Todd	S DeCrane J Sadlon B Ulvila B Ulvila	B Metter	K Hay
February 19 11:00	L Hirzel	J Krieger K Darvas L Hirzel		S Chamot	J Chamot J Fuchs	P Goebel D Kobella K Kobella	G Carte L Sparks M Carte	F Scheuerman	K Lemermeier J Kammerman
February 22 7:00pm	J Sadlon	J Sadlon S Todd S Sadlon			J Darvas	P Goebel D Kobella K Kobella		B Ulvila	
February 26 8:30		M Holm J Buehner R Sadlon			K Sadlon	B Levkulich B Stockhaus N Stockhaus B Todd	A Vargo B Stockhaus N Stockhaus	E Kochmit	S Todd M Todd
February 26 11:00	D Ferro	D Ferro D Little M Carte		B Stockhaus	R Ferro E Hirzel	P Goebel D Kobella K Kobella	J Morano K Sapatka K Lemermeier	P Goebel	L Sparks P Penrod
March 4 8:30		B Stockhaus S DeCrane L Petranek	L Petranek		T Wagner	S Lessa M Griner S Sadlon J Sadlon	J Buehner G Hansen J Sadlon	B Metter	S Sadlon K Sadlon
March 4 11:00	L Little	K Darvas L Little J Zangmeister		P Ferro	J Penrod S Darvas	B Ulvila J Canterbury J Morano J Morano	H Hasselbrack R Moore L Nickerson	R Beckwith	S Todd M Todd