

## **BETHANY NEWS**

### **Bethany English Lutheran Church**

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
8:30am & 11:00am

**Sunday School 9:45am**

**Wednesday Lenten Services**  
7:00pm

**March 6, 13, and 20**

**Palm Sunday**

**March 24 –8:30 & 11:00am**

**Maundy Thursday**

**March 28 – 7:00pm**

**Good Friday**

**March 29 –7:00pm**

**Easter Sunday**

**March 31 – 8:30 & 11:00am**

**Livestream**

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# **BELIEVE! ENGAGE! LEARN! CARE!**

**PASTOR'S PAGE*****Maundy Thursday***

*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. John 13:34*

The fifth day of Holy Week is called Maundy Thursday. It commemorates the day Jesus met with his disciples in the Upper Room to celebrate the Passover before his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. The word Maundy comes from the Latin word "mandatum" which means "mandate" or "commandment". And derives from Jesus telling his disciples that he gives them a new commandment that they are to love one another as he has loved them. The word Maundy has also been the name given specifically by the Church to the rite of Footwashing.

In Luke's gospel it says that during the Passover meal a dispute arose among the disciples over which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. Jesus then tells them that the greatest is the one who serves. His statement did not seem to have ended the discussion, because in John's Gospel it says that Jesus got up from the table and began to wash the disciple's feet, the job of slaves. Footwashing was regarded as so low and demeaning that some Rabbis claimed it was unacceptable for even Jewish slaves to do it. And yet Jesus took the initiative to do the work of a slave to prove his point.

Peter objected to what Jesus was doing, but Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Later Jesus told all the disciples, "So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."

Although Footwashing has never been considered a sacrament by the Church, over the years it has become more common as a rite performed on Maundy Thursday in remembrance of Jesus' actions. Although some churches have Footwashing as a regular part of their Holy Week observance, that has not been the case at Bethany, but we have done it a few times during my ministry here. The last time we included Footwashing in the liturgy was in 2018.

I admit that I have often reacted like Peter to the whole idea of Footwashing. I would rather just forget about it, and yet I can not get beyond Jesus' words, "For I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." Although I have been resistant, whenever we have included Footwashing in the service it has been profoundly moving for myself and for those who have participated. Maybe the very reasons why we do not want to do it, is why specifically Jesus told us to do it. It could be that the physical act of washing another person's feet helps us to experience God's love for us more deeply and to live out his command to love one another.

God's Blessings,

*Pastor Ferro*

**Wednesday Lenten Services**

**March 6, 13, 20**

Join us as we continue our Lenten journey focusing on the Apostles Creed. Wednesday services will also be livestreamed at [bethanyenglish.org](http://bethanyenglish.org).

**Holy Week Worship Schedule**

March 24 – Palm Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00am	Procession with Palms and Holy Communion
March 28 – Maundy Thursday – 7:00pm	Footwashing, Communion, and Stripping the Altar
March 29 – Good Friday – 7:00pm	Service of Darkness with special music by the choir
March 31 – Easter – 8:30 & 11:00am	Festival Worship with Holy Communion

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Annual Easter Breakfast****Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 9:45am**

Join us Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:45am for the Annual Easter Breakfast. All are welcome, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the young children. If you would like to donate an eggbake or bakery, contact Melissa. Sign up on the bulletin Board. We will set up for the Easter Breakfast on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

**Easter Flowers****Last Day to Order – Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Bethany's Altar Guild is taking orders for Easter Flowers. You may use the order form included In this Newsletter. Please drop it in the offering box on Sunday Morning, or mail it to the church office.

**Rainbow Ringers****Palm Sunday – March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am**

Attention Sunday School Parents – the Rainbow Ringers will be playing on Palm Sunday, at the 11:00am Worship Service.

**First Communion Classes****Beginning in April**

Melissa and Sarah Todd will begin teaching First Communion classes in April. The students will make their First Communion on Pentecost. If your child or grandchild would like to attend these classes, please talk to Pastor Ferro or Melissa Todd.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study****Ruth and Esther**

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study has begun to look at the Old Testament books of Ruth and Esther. These books tell the stories of two caring and courageous women. All are invited to join us from 10:00am to 11:30am on Wednesday mornings in the Assembly Hall for a time of lively discussion and fellowship. Come and find out how much fun it can be to study the Bible.

**New Member Information Session****Saturday, April 20 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Are you interested in becoming a member of Bethany? Are you interested in knowing more about the Lutheran Church? Do you have questions about Bethany and its ministries? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, please join us on Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Assembly Hall for an informative session on the Lutheran church and our congregation. We will talk about the Lutheran church, discuss what it means to be an active church member, learn about Bethany and its ministries, and take a tour of the church. All members and non-members are invited to come to this informative session. We will welcome new members to Bethany on Sunday, April 28.

**Eclipse Viewing****April 8<sup>th</sup> –1:30pm**

Need a place to watch the eclipse? Bring a lawn chair and watch it in the Bethany parking lot. We will have a limited amount of glasses for sale for \$2.00. You can also bring a show box or cereal box to make a viewer. We will have a craft for kids. Contact Renae Delvitto with questions.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Fish Fry****Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> -- 4:30-7:00pm****Last Day to buy tickets is Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Tickets are on sale now – before and after Sunday Worship. Tickets are presale only! The last chance to purchase tickets is Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with the Fish Fry, please contact Renae Delvitto 216-221-4559.

Fish Dinners -- \$13 – fried or broiled fish, fries or baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll, and dessert

Non Fish Dinner -- \$9 – pierogi with applesauce or macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, dinner roll, and dessert

Extra Side -- \$2 – pierogi or macaroni and cheese

**Bethany Women's Group****Annual St. Patrick's Day Lunch at PJ McIntyres**

We are still working out the details, watch your email and Sunday bulletins – the date will be announced soon!

**Community Engagement Team**

The Bethany Community Engagement Team is looking for new members! We're seeking people who are passionate about community and engaging with those in the West Park neighborhood and beyond. The CET plans a wide variety of engagement and outreach projects such as school supply drives, volunteer days, clothing drives, and more. We will meet monthly at Bethany on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm, starting Tuesday, March 12. If you are interested in joining, contact Rachel Sadlon at [rachelsadlon@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsadlon@yahoo.com) to get put on our email list.

**Community Collections****Socks**

Socks are the number one requested clothing item at Homeless Shelters. Bethany is working with the Community West Socks+ program to collect new socks to be donated to local homeless shelters. You will find the donation box in the Welcoming Room.

**Non-Perishable Food Donations**

Bethany continually collects nonperishable food items which are donated to local food pantries. The last time the food was delivered, the shelter director mentioned they especially need macaroni and cheese, fruit cups, and soup. Of course, all donations of food and hygiene items are needed and deeply appreciated.

**Thank you**

To my Bethany family, thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and texts, during my recent hospitalization and recovery. All of them were very much appreciated.

Thank you all so much, Jeannine Morano

**In Our Prayers**

*May God's loving and healing hand continue to bless and keep all who call upon Him, especially: Jane Szustak, Jennifer Norlin, Jeannine Morano, Jim Persinger, Sean Raabe, Laura Petranek, Glenn Petranek, Kurtis Guelker, David Hellein, David Kahelin, Shannon Gibbons, Joanie Sadlon, Peter Haas, Michelle Poulos, Dave Miller, Bridgette Tomblin, Cindy Soeder, John Muraco*

*Our Sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of:*

† June Russell – February 15, 2024

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