

Bethany Banner January 2009

Pr Nancy's Nibbles and Bits

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will do it.” Ps 37.5.

I am in a reflective mood; I'm thinking about my first year as a pastor, my first year at Bethany, and I have to say I have a thankful heart. I praise God that I am called to Kelley, for I am able to use my creativity in worship planning, preaching, and in teaching. I am committed to God's call for me in this place; and I invite any comments or suggestions you may have that would enhance the effectiveness of my ministry here in Kelley.

I praise God for the Bethany folk – the extended family who are also such willing workers. You have compassion for people in need, and the generosity and energy to assist to alleviate suffering as well as accompany people through difficult times. For all of that, I give God thanks and praise.

I also embrace the challenge that is ministry in Kelley. We are not, nor ever shall be, one of the mega-churches. We have a large portion of our membership who live with the reality of a fixed income, and others with families to tend. Schedules are busy, and the church work force, our volunteer pool, is changing as we all age. All of this could lead us to fear for the future of Bethany. While such a fear might be a natural emotion, as a person might fear for the unknown future of a loved one who is changing their life in a major way, this fear is misplaced.

Psalm 37.5 declares – ***Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will do it.*** As Christians young and old, our life is hidden in Christ – we are already living eternal life, and we experience the kingdom of God now. Our will, our work, our lives are taken care of by God, on account of Jesus Christ. So there is no need for fear. No fear about whose we are, and no fear about the mission and the future of Bethany Lutheran Church. The word of God is trustworthy and true – “God will do it” – whatever “it” is!

Whether Bethany lasts another 100 years, or 50, or 20, is up to God's will, not our will. And I hope that is a relief for all of us. We are called to love God by loving others – and that's it – whew!

You and I are called to love God and others by being good stewards of the gifts we have **now**; to use them in serving the people of Bethany, Kelley, the Ballard Community, and the world, to the best of our abilities. We are called to work - no

matter our age, our limitations due to mind, body, spirit, or schedule - for the kingdom of God; not as an obligation or a duty, but as our natural response to a God who gives us all things through Jesus Christ.

Now that our fear for the future is gone, now that we walk in the confidence of Christ, now that we are again reminded that God's word is trustworthy and true, we can have some fun thinking about our ministry and mission here and now. . .Wouldn't it be fun to think about assessing the needs right here in Kelley? Wouldn't it be fun to invite people to join us for worship? Wouldn't it be fun to offer ministries, educational opportunities, and community-wide social events if each of us increased our giving by 1 percent?

Folks, working with God furthering God's kingdom is the most fun and the most satisfying experience you may have during your earthly life. If you aren't already active, consider becoming involved with the congregation in new ways – teach a class, knock on doors, come to a prayer group, sing or play for church worship, visit people in their homes. If you are already involved in Bethany's mission, please continue to pray for me and for all people here at Bethany and the surrounding communities. Keep your heart and ears open for the needs in the communities and let us know how we can serve.

The promise is true, ***“Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will do it.” Ps 37.5.***

Joining you in Serving Christ – Pr. Nancy

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Evan Bay Brakke – 11
Joel Dunn – 12
Betty Grulke – 14
Rosanne Ringgenberg -16
Hope Brakke -17
Bob Ryerson – 22

Darold Primmer – 23
Sean Ringgenberg – 23
Michael Finch -26
Beulah Hanks – 26
Marcy Finch -29
Sharon Mott – 29
Cale Brakke -30

David and Karen Hadaway -1
Scott and Rita Thorson -20



Serving in January

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Lector	Acolyte	Color	Communion
1/4	Chuck and Cathy Potter	Chuck Potter and Dave White	Chuck Potter	Hannah Stensland	White	Yes
1/11	Chuck and Cathy Potter	Chuck Potter and Dave White	Dree Brakke	John Johnson	White	No
1/18	Chuck and Cathy Potter	Chuck Potter and Dave White	Stephanie Winchell	Taylor Hadaway	Green	Yes
1/25	Chuck and Cathy Potter	Chuck Potter and Dave White	Maren Holland	Hope Brakke	Green	No

Attendance and Giving

11/30/2008	55	1441
12/7/2008	71	1951
12/14/2008	89	1818
12/21/2008	Snowed out	
12/24/2008	111	977.64
12/28/2008	39	1509
Total		7696.64
Total needed each Month		\$7226.00 Thank You!

REGULAR BOX

Balanced nutrition and variety with enough food to feed a family of four for a week.

- 1.5 lb. Ribeye Steak (4 x 6 oz.)
- 4 lb. Leg Quarters
- 1.5 lb. Beef Patties (4 x 6 oz.)
- 18 oz. Cheese Filled Manicotti
- 2 lb. Pork Rib Strips
- 1 lb. Chicken Breast Fajita Strips
- 1 lb. Ground Turkey
- 1 lb. Broccoli
- 1 lb. Peas
- 6 ct. Oatmeal Variety Box
- 2 each-Regular, Maple Brown Sugar and Apple Cinnamon
- 32 oz. 2% Shelf Stable Milk
- 8 oz. Blueberry Muffin Mix
- 12 ct. White Corn Tortillas
- 1 lb. Pinto Beans
- 7 oz. Chicken Flavored Rice & Vermicelli
- Dozen Eggs
- Dessert

\$30.00

SENIOR/CONVENIENCE BOX

For Seniors or People on the Go!

Ten perfectly seasoned, nutritionally balanced, fully cooked meals—just heat and serve. Each meal has been developed with the dietary needs of senior citizens in mind, and contains 3 oz. of protein, a starch & two vegetables or fruit.

New Orleans Style Chicken over Savory Rice with Okra & Tomatoes and Diced Sweet Potatoes

Grilled Chicken Strips & Penne Pasta with Creamy Tomato Basil Sauce, Capri Blend Vegetables and Green Beans with Onions and Red Peppers

Beef & Bowtie Pasta with Herbed Tomato Sauce, Capri Blend Vegetables and Corn

Flame-Broiled Salisbury Steak with Brown Gravy, Sour Cream & Chive Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables

Cheesy Chicken and Broccoli Casserole with Rice, Green Beans and Squash Medley

Classic Chicken Tetrazzini with Diced Carrots and Green Peas

Country Fried Steak with Cream Gravy, Red Skin Whipped Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables

Spaghetti with Meatballs, Green Beans and Cinnamon Applesauce

Chicken Parmesan with Whipped Potatoes and Capri Blend Vegetables

Flame-Broiled Beef Patty with Onion Gravy, Sour Cream & Chive Potatoes and Capri Blend Vegetables

10 Desserts included with Senior/Convenience Meals

\$28.00

One or More Specials Available Only with the Purchase of Either of the Boxes Above

JANUARY SPECIAL #1

6 lb. Assorted Combo Box

\$22.00

- 1.5 lb. Bone-In New York Strips (2 x 12 oz.)
- 1 lb. Sirloin Strips (2 x 8 oz.)
- 1.5 lb. Boneless Pork Chops -Thick Cut (4 x 6 oz.)
- 2 lb. Hamburger Steak (4 x 8 oz.)

JANUARY SPECIAL #2

4.5 lb. Bacon-Wrapped Meat Combo

\$21.00

- 1.5 lb. Bacon-Wrapped Beef Filet (4 x 6 oz.)
- 1.5 lb. Bacon-Wrapped Pork Filet (4 x 6 oz.)
- 1.5 lb. Bacon-Wrapped Chicken Filet (4 x 6 oz.)

JANUARY SPECIAL #3

3.75 lb. T-Bone Special

\$21.00

- 3.75 lb. T-Bone Steaks (5 x 12 oz.)

JANUARY SPECIAL #4

10 lb. Chicken Combo Box

\$20.00

- 4.5 lb. (avg.) Whole Perdue Chicken
- 2 lb. Wings
- 2 lb. Chicken Nuggets
- 2 lb. Breaded Chicken Tenders

JANUARY SPECIAL #5

Fresh Fruit and Veggie Box

\$21.00

- 4 lb. New Crop Idaho Baking Potatoes
- 3 lb. New Crop North Carolina Sweet Potatoes
- 2 lb. Western Grown Medium Yellow Onions
- 4 lb. Tree Ripened Navel Oranges
- ½ lb. New Crop Georgia Grown Pecan Halves
- 2 ea. Tree Ripened Florida Red Grapefruit
- 1 head New Crop Florida Green Cabbage
- 1 lb. Western Grown Carrots (cello packed)
- 4 ea. Tree Ripened Florida Tangerines
- 4 ea. Washington State Bosc Pears

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Church Council Minutes

Council had to be changed from the regular council meeting on December 11th due to conflicts and weather.



Council was held 12-29-08 at 6:30. Present: Karen Hadaway, Don Brendeland, Joyce Peterson, Steve Kaltenheuser, Pasto Nancy, Larry Kallem, Rita Thorson, Rita Houge, Ann White, Lorraine Kennedy.

Don B made a motion to approve November minutes, Larry K 2nd, all approved.

Pastor Nancy started the meeting with devotions from Matthew 25. She talked about talents given to us and what Bethany's talents are. Talked about the new year and the new constitution and getting everyone to work together on our future. Working within our church and reaching out to the community.

Music and Worship: Rita T reported that the committee is talking about a new microphone for the lectern or another stand alone. The one on the lectern crackles. Lent begins Feb 25th with Ash Wednesday. They are working on a "sin wall" and prayer wall.

Christian Ed: need a teacher for the little children, usually 4-6 children in that group, for Sunday school that starts January 11th. If we don't have a teacher, there will not be class for that age group.

Outreach and Service: family fun night was 12-7. We made cookie trays for our shut-ins. Next family fun night will be in February. Nothing in January due to the holiday and new year.

Staff and Volunteer Development: finalizing the training session for the new council and committee members.

Facilities and Finance: mileage goes down to 55 cents per mile starting in January. This is the IRS guidelines. Dropped from \$.58. Rita T made motion to accept the treasurers report as written. Ann W

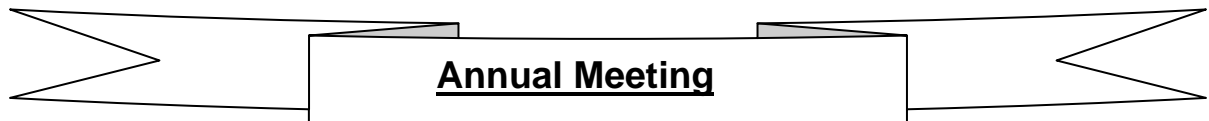
2nd, all approved. Discussed the proposed budget and finalized this. Pastor Nancy declined the raise for 2009. After much discussion within the council, we have decided to keep the raise according to synod guidelines.

New Business: University Lutheran Center, Pastor Scott Johnson. They are looking for furniture for the building. The list is in the newsletter from University Lutheran.

University of Iowa Hospital Chaplain – Cindy Breed. Works on a very tight budget by donations. There will be a special offering in January to support this cause. Sandy Emery and others from our congregation and community have utilized this program.

Pastor talked about hosting Pastors from Tanzania. This was revisited from the May 2008 meeting. We need more information before a commitment, due to the visits being in the fall 2009. Pastor is going to get in touch with the host church and get back to council with more information.

Close with the Lord's prayer
Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm
Next meeting January 8, 2009 6:30pm



Our annual meeting is Sunday, January 25, 2009, immediately following worship, followed by a potluck. We are to vote for the 2nd time, regarding updating the constitution to the ELCA constitution, the new Bethany LC by-laws, the new operational structure, the election of new officers, and a budget. It is a very informative and important meeting, so I strongly urge all of you to attend. The annual reports will be in your boxes by Sunday, January 11, 2009; so if any of you are submitting an annual report for a committee or standing group, please do it asap. Our beloved Julie needs it no later than this coming Monday, January 5, 2009.

As you think about the mission and ministry of this congregation, please reflect on the Vision and Mission statements for Bethany:

Bethany Vision: Bethany Lutheran Church is a creative congregation providing spiritual growth and service opportunities to ALL.

Bethany Mission: 5 F's and PEW: As faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and with the gifts given it, Bethany Lutheran Church enhances the spiritual vitality of its membership and communities by strengthening **f**aith, **f**riendship, **f**amily, **f**ellowship, and **F**UN through special **p**rograms, **e**ducation, and **w**orship.

*Congregation,
Thank you very much for all your
contributions at the spaghetti lunch.
We are all very excited to have the
chance to go to New Orleans. Thanks
for helping our fundraiser be a
success.*

Sara Robinson



Alpha

ALPHA begins again on 1/11/09 with small group leader training on 1/4/09 @ 6:30pm We really need people to sign up so we can plan. Talk to Larry Kallem or Pastor Nancy if you have questions.

Quotables

"This is often how God loves us; with gifts we thought we didn't need, which transform us into people we don't necessarily want to be." William Willimon, "The God We Hardly Knew," in *Watch For the Light: Readings For Advent and Christmas* (Farmington, PA: Plough Publishing House, 2001), 149.

"The single biggest problem we face today may be that we keep going to church. I believe we need to stop that.

Yes, you heard me right. You see, going to church means we have the option of leaving church behind. No place in the Book of Acts, which describes what life was like for the earliest Christians, do you see people *going* to church. You see people *being* the church wherever they live, wherever they work, wherever they go.

Now, I know these will seem like strange ideas to a lot of people. In fact, some people today have really good reasons for feeling shocked, confused, sad, and angry – and wanting to leave the church. But as nice as it would sometimes be just to forget about church, we can't. we can't get away from it. Because we *are* it. The church is the people of God, who are being transformed by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the gospel in word and deed. That means us. We can't leave church behind – we *are* the church.

We are the church in our homes, in our workplaces, and in our neighborhoods. We are the church in our classrooms and on the playgrounds. We are the church in the voting booth and on the stock market. We are the church in the projects and in the boardroom and at the co-op and in the beauty shop and at the drive-up window."

From Reclaiming the "C" Word by Kelly A Fryer

More Quotables

**People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered -
Forgive them anyway**

**If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior
motives –
Be kind anyway.**

**If you are successful, you will win false friends and some true
enemies –
Succeed anyway.**

**If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you –
Be honest and frank anyway**

**What you spend years building, someone could destroy
overnight –
Build anyway.**

**If you find serenity and happiness they may be jealous -
Be happy anyway**

**The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow –
Do good anyway.**

**Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough.
Give the world the best you've got anyway**

**You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;
It was never between you and them anyway.**

Written by Mother Teresa

Lectionary for January

1/5	Psalm 110	Exodus 1:22-2:10	Hebrews 11:23-26
1/6	Psalm 110	Exodus 2:11-25	Hebrews 11:27-28
1/7	Psalm 110	Exodus 3:7-15	John 8:39-59
1/8	Psalm 29	1 Samuel 3:1-21	Acts 9:10-19a
1/9	Psalm 29	1 Samuel 16:1-13	1 Timothy 4:11-16
1/10	Psalm 29	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12	Luke 5:1-11
1/11	Join us for Worship at Bethany		
1/12	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36	Genesis 17:1-13	Romans 4:1-12
1/13	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36	Exodus 30:22-38	Acts 22:2-16
1/14	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36	Isaiah 41:14-20	John 1:29-34
1/15	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Judges 2:6-15	2 Corinthians 10:1-11
1/16	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Judges 2:16-23	Acts 13:16-25
1/17	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	1 Samuel 2:21-25	Matthew 25:1-13
1/18	Join us for Worship at Bethany		
1/19	Psalm 86	1 Samuel 9:27-10:8	2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
1/20	Psalm 86	1 Samuel 15:10-31	Acts 5:1-11
1/21	Psalm 86	Genesis 16:1-14	Luke 18:15-17
1/22	Psalm 62:5-12	Jeremiah 19:1-15	Revelation 18:11-20
1/23	Psalm 62:5-12	Jeremiah 20:7-13	2 Peter 3:1-7
1/24	Psalm 62:5-12	Jeremiah 20:14-18	Luke 10:13-16
1/25	Join us for Worship at Bethany		
1/26	Psalm 46	Genesis 12:1-9	1 Corinthians 7:17-24
1/27	Psalm 46	Genesis 45:25-46:7	Acts 5:33-42
1/28	Psalm 46	Proverbs 8:1-21	Mark 3:13-19a
1/29	Psalm 111	Deuteronomy 3:23-29	Romans 9:6-18
1/30	Psalm 111	Deuteronomy 12:28-32	Revelation 2:12-17
1/31	Psalm 111	Deuteronomy 13:1-5	Matthew 8:28-9:1



JANUARY 2009						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
				1	2 Pastor's Sabbath	3 Pastor's Sabbath
4 9:30 Worship 6:30 ALPHA small group training	5	6 1:30 Text Study	7 7:30 a.m. BLP Prayer	8 5:30 Mission Committee Meetings 6:30 Council	9 Pastor's Sabbath	10 Pastor's Sabbath
11 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 6:00 ALPHA	12 1:00 Quilting	13 Noon- WELCA Christmas Luncheon 1:30 Text Study	14 7:30 a.m. BLP Prayer 6:00 Confirmation	15	16 Pastor's Sabbath	17 Pastor's Sabbath
18 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 6:00 ALPHA	19 1:00 Quilting	20 1:30 Text Study 1:30 Faith Circle	21 7:30 a.m. BLP Prayer 6:00 Confirmation	22	23 Pastor's Sabbath	24 Pastor's Sabbath
25 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 10:45 Annual Meeting and Potluck 6:00 ALPHA	26 1:00 Quilting	27 1:30 Text Study	28 7:30 a.m. BLP Prayer 6:00 Confirmation	29	30 Pastor's Sabbath	31 Pastor's Sabbath

Epiphany History- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epiphany>

The observance had its origins in the Eastern Christian Churches, and was originally a general celebration of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, and included the commemoration of: his birth; the visit of the Magi, or "Wise Men" from Persia (Magi being Persian priests), who arrived in Bethlehem; all of Jesus' childhood events, up to and including his baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist; and even the miracle at the Wedding of Cana in Galilee. However, it seems fairly clear that the Baptism was the event predominantly commemorated.



The date of the feast was very early fixed on January 6. Ancient Liturgies speak of *Illuminatio*, *Manifestatio*, *Declaratio* (Illumination, Manifestation, Declaration); cf. Matthew 3:13–17; Luke 3:22; and John 2:1–11; where the Baptism and the Marriage at Cana are dwelt upon. Western Christians have traditionally emphasized the "Revelation to the Gentiles" mentioned in Luke, where the term Gentile means all non-Jewish peoples. The Biblical Magi, who represent the non-Jewish peoples of the world, paid homage to the infant Jesus in stark contrast to Herod the Great (King of Judea) who sought to kill him. However, in this event there is also a revelation to the Children of Israel. Saint John Chrysostom identified the significance of the meeting between the Magi and Herod's court: "The star had been hidden from them so that, on finding themselves without their guide, they would have no alternative but to consult the Jews. In this way the birth of Jesus would be made known to all.

The earliest reference to Epiphany as a Christian feast was in the year 361, by Ammianus Marcellinus St. Epiphanius says that January 6 is *hemera genethlion toutestin epiphanon* (Christ's "Birthday; that is, His Epiphany"). He also asserts that the Miracle at Cana occurred on the same calendar day. In 385, the pilgrim Egeria (also known as Silvia) describes a celebration in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, which she calls "Epiphany" (*epiphania*) that obviously commemorates the Nativity of Christ. Even at this early date, there is already an octave associated with the feast. In a sermon delivered on December 25, 380, St. Gregory of Nazianzus somewhat confusingly refers to the day as *ta theophania* ("the Theophany", an alternative name for Epiphany) saying expressly that it is a day commemorating *he hagia tou Christou genesis* ("the holy nativity of Christ") and tells his listeners that they will soon be celebrating the baptism of Christ. Then, on January 6 and 7, he preached two more sermons wherein he declared that the celebration of the birth of Christ and the visitation of the Magi had already taken place, and that they would now commemorate his Baptism. So at this point the two celebrations are beginning to be separated, at least in Cappadocia.

However, this was not the case everywhere. Saint John Cassian says that even in his time (beginning of the 5th century) the Egyptian monasteries still celebrated the Nativity and Baptism together on January 6. The Armenian Apostolic Church still continues to celebrate January 6 as the only commemoration of the Nativity.