Bethany and East Lemonweir Lutheran Churches
618 West River Street
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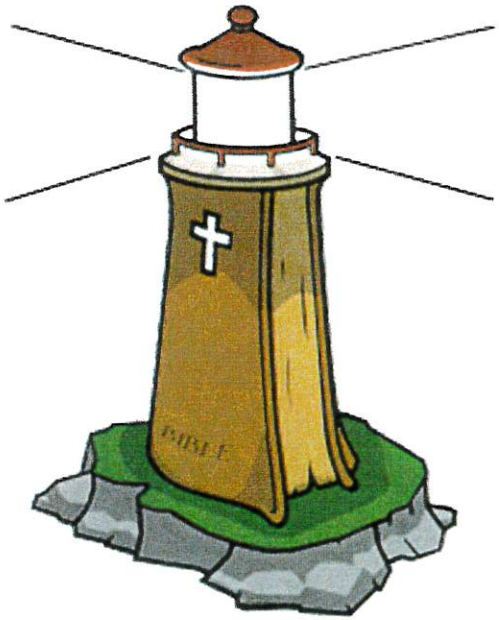
RETURN SERVICES *REQUESTED*

The Beacon

Bethany / East Lemonweir Parish
August 2025



"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." Timothy 1:7

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship 9 am Bethany 10:30 am East Lemonweir	No Bible Study Until October	AA Meeting @ 6:30 pm Tue – East Lemonweir Thu - Bethany	Sept 7th 10am Family Sunday School		1	2
3	4	5 4pm Rachel Circle @ Bethany	6 9 am Quilting 6pm @ Bethany Outdoor Worship	7	8	9
10	11 W-ELCA Visit Shut-ins	12	13 9 am Quilting	14	15	16
17 Dice Day following Bethany worship	18	19	20 9 am Quilting	21	22	23
24 31 Combined Worship 10:30 am @ Bethany	25	26	27 9 am Quilting	28	29	30

Summer is such an amazing time! It's filled with warm weather so we can finally ditch the long underwear and sweatshirts and enjoy the growth, beauty, and bounty of gardens. Yes, a huge crop of mosquitoes also came this past month but that still didn't stop us from having fun at outdoor worships, Wa Du Shuda Days, going on vacation, camping, experiencing our gardens, completing big projects on our homes and churches. I'm thankful to have experienced my own fun and accomplished and even more grateful to have heard of the exciting summer plans you have made and experienced.

But as fun as summer can be—It can also be exhausting...

We jam as much as we can into 3 little months or the 90-100 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Whether we have kids in school or not, grandkids in school or not; this time of year is when it's hot enough and the days are long enough to do all the fun: boating, gardening, camping, traveling, celebrating, and more. No matter one's age or point in life, summer is busy.

And when we are busy it's we can feel overwhelmed, or like time is slipping through our fingers. It's easy to be frustrated with our limits when we still want to do all the things and can't because of time or ability. It's easy to forget to take a breath and just rush into or towards the next thing because we must finish the list we set out to do.

But I'm here to remind you, and myself, of God's constant presence through it all. Through the excitement and busyness and through the relaxation and fun. God has been walking with you, giving you strength, and naming you one of God's beloved. So, I'm going to end with a blessing adapted from a "Summer Blessing" by Pastor Cathy Hall Stengel.

May God bless these remaining summer weeks
Bless your joyful chaos of coming and going
Bless your love of sunlight and warm breezes
Bless the cool nights with bursts of stars
Bless your ears ringing with the sounds of play and laughter, as well as goodbyes after too short of time together with great friends.
Yes, even bless your ears with the sounds of lawnmowers and trimmers

May God bless the memories summer brings
Summer picnics wherever they landed
Trips to parents, grandparents, far-off or close destinations
Reunions flooding our hearts with longing and leaving
Fishing or boating, I can catch a bigger one!
Travel games as fields and towns flashed by your smudgy bug covered car windows
Time at the cabin or campground, how many bugs were swatted? Seems like millions

May God bless our belonging...
You may come and you may go
From home, from church, from work
may you continued to be rejuvenated and filled with wonder
When you bring blessings and memories back to share,
Brightening worship and fellowship with your presence
May our community be blessed
Your prayers and your just you kinds of gifts.

May God bless you during these waning days of summer.

In Christ,
<>< Pastor Lucy

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

FALL 2025 - SPRING 2026

DATE/TIME	Story/Theme
SEPT 7 / 10AM	Creation carve pumpkins to help with a fall fun activity
OCT 12 / 10AM	Noah
NOV 9 / 3PM	Abraham and Sara
DEC 14 10AM	Jesus is Born with a special visit and photos with Santa and Mrs. Clause
JAN 11 / 3PM	Joseph and His Brothers
FEB 15	Moses and the Exodus
MAR 8	Young Jesus in the Temple
APR 12 / 3PM	Jesus is Baptized
MAY 17 / 3PM	Jesus Calls the Disciples End of the year learning and party!

Parent/grandparents/aunts/uncles/friends...any adult/kid pairings welcome. All ages are welcome!

August 2025 Worship Assistants

East Lemonweir

Readers
8/3 Dawn Nelson
8/10 Connie Wolfgram
8/17 Roger Nelson
8/24 Jennifer Sarnow
8/31 Diane Clark

Greeters
8/3 Roger & Dawn Nelson
8/10 Connie Wolfgram
8/17 Audrey Scholl
8/24 Jennifer Sarnow
8/31 Bret & Billie Jo Haschke

Bethany

8/3 Altar Communion
Assistant Minister Beth Preuss
Reader Barb Parker
Communion Assistant Beth Preuss
Usher Tim Parker & Karl Katuin

8/10 Continuous Communion
Assistant Minister Galen Lingl
Reader Ross Hardie
Communion Assistants Galen Lingl,
Michaele Korbein, Inger Kirkwood
Usher Jack & Betty Krotzman

8/17 Altar Communion
Assistant Minister Mark Hansen
Reader Debby Hansen
Communion Assistant Mark Hansen
Usher Shane Gesler & Karl Katuin

8/24 Continuous Communion
Assistant Minister Larry Thome
Reader Ross Hardie
Communion Assistants Larry Thome,
Michaele Korbein, Beth Preuss
Usher Shane Gesler & Tim Parker

8/31 Continuous Communion
Assistant Minister Michaele Korbein
Reader Sheila Stark
Communion Assistants Michaele Korbein,
Inger Kirkwood, Beth Preuss
Usher Mark & Debby Hansen

**We are short Ushers this month,
thus, you may be on the schedule twice.**

Bethany W-ELCA News

Mission statement: To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Our June WELCA meeting was held at Riverside Park where we found shelter from rainy weather. We discussed the new banners, results of salad luncheon/silent purse auction, purchasing of carafes and tablecloths, baby care gifts and August visitation to our shut ins.

Items for the Baby Care Kits are welcomed. Please place any donations in the crib in the narthex.

Monday, August 11th is the day we will visit our shut ins. More specific information is forthcoming but please consider joining for all or part of the day. It is a blessed time for our shut ins and those who visit.

Bible study for August is the second lesson of our series of 3. It centers on relationships that sustain us.

A thought: Don't give up because you had a bad day, forgive yourself and do better tomorrow.

Upcoming events:
Monday, August 11th – visit with our shut ins
Sept 20 – synod wide WELCA river cruise on the LaCrosse Queen
Oct. 24-26-Sugar Creek Women's Retreat
Oct 30 – Sugar Creek's trip to the Fireside for "It's a Wonderful Life".

Needed monthly for only Bethany's budgeted expenses: $10,866,61

	June	Year To Date
Offerings+Other Income received	$12,981.87*	$73,659.37*
Expenses paid	$ 7,881.34**	$92,629.28***

* includes East Lemonweir's budget reimbursements
** includes windows and boil pump repair downpayments
*** includes final roof work

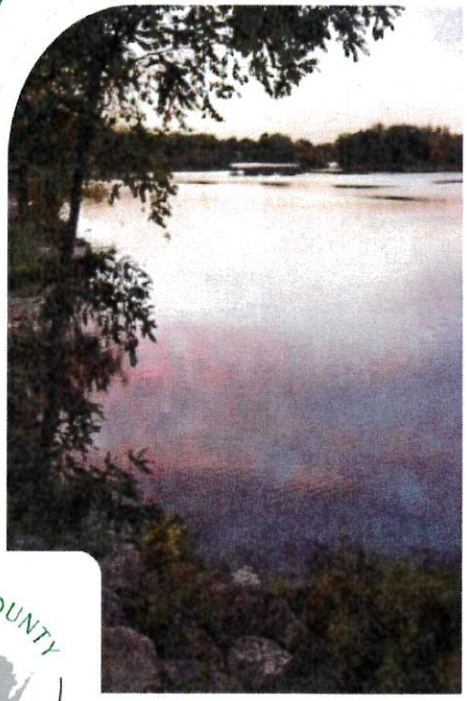
Please join us at Bethany!

Dice Day

August 17th following service

Wednesday, August 6th – 6 pm Campfire Worship @ Bethany! Welcome ALL!

JUNEAU COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT



Join the Conversation. Improve Our Health.

JUNEAU COUNTY

COMPLETE THE SURVEY TO:

Make your voice heard on issues that matter to you

Help shape programs for a healthier community

Enter for a chance to win a $50 gift card

Need a paper copy of the survey? Contact Tara at 608-847-9373

¿Necesita el encuesta en español? Llame a Tara al 608-847-9373

Scan to Complete or visit : https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHA25

Deadline is 9/1/2025

Celebrations

August 2025

Birthdays – Bethany

2 Mary Shattuck

3 Mike Esser

4 Frieda Hutchins

18 Brenda Benson

23 Christy Toelle

24 Mark Toelle

27 Louise Schulz

27 Helen York

28 Lucie Wyss

Anniversaries – Bethany

3 Scott & DeAnn Gollmar

10 John & Helen York

10 Ethan & Danielle Benson

11 Garry & Yvonne Olson

15 Daniel & Glenda Swinehart

18 Lynn & Brenda Benson

31 Mike & Inger Kirkwood

East Lemonweir – Birthdays

3 Brent Stoughtenger

10 Gayle Hempel

16 Julette Onsager

21 Ashley Nelson

23 Edward Groskreutz

27 Roger Nelson

28 Billie Jo Haschke

30 Roger Pitcel

Anniversaries–

East Lemonweir

N/A

If your name is missing on this list, or if you prefer not to be on the list, please call the Church Office at 608 562 3807!