

Greetings to you, God's Beloved!

If I had to describe the summer in one word, it would have to be...fast! Time seemed like it moved at super speed. I know many members of both congregations have had wonderful adventures and busy summers too. I would love to hear stories of the things you loved doing. Here are some few things/events that have happened and some future events.

First the recap:

- We kicked off July with a joint worship and picnic with the congregations of Bethany Lutheran, East Lemonweir, and Winding Rivers Methodist. Thank you to all that attended and participated that morning. Although we couldn't worship at the park due to the wet conditions, it was a wonderful time!
 - Thanks to Mark Hansen for playing guitar again this year.
 - I look forward to the next time our three congregations can come together to worship and fellowship together.
- For the second year, East Lemonweir AND Bethany had food booths at "Wa Du Shuda" Days.
 - East Lemonweir, served up delicious vanilla sundaes with some of the classic fixings. Bethany sold slices of pie and brownies (often suggesting heading over to East's booth for scoop of ice cream to go with it). Thank you to all who volunteered in working, baking, gathering supplies, setting up, and taking down the booths—Especially taking down and getting soaked in the rain!
- The day after Wa Du Shuda, 8 of us left for New Orleans, LA for the ELCA National Youth and Young Adult Gatherings. Travel was pretty smooth, a lot of fun was had, and we even learned some things while connecting more with our faith. You'll be able to hear more about this experience on September 8th during worship...and we'll put some pictures in the October Beacon.

Now---Looking ahead...

- Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 12 at 9AM. We will watching and discussing the first season of a show called The Chosen. The show is the first multi-season show about the ministry of Jesus. If you are interested but can't meet at this time—please let me know and depending on interest we can set up an evening time too.
- Sunday School is going to look a little different this year. Instead of meeting every week right after church...we are going to have Sunday Afternoon School. We will meet in the afternoon, probably around 3:00 to have some time to learn, play, and eat together. This education time will be open to kids from birth-6th grade and their parents. More information coming soon and we will start in October 😊!

As we continue to look ahead, September is the time of year where students and teachers are finding their ways back into the classrooms to start a new school year of learning new things. So here are some questions about school and learning for your reflection: Do you have something that you want to learn? What could we learn about ourselves, the world around us? Is there something you want to learn about God, faith, and love? What has your faith taught you? Who has helped you learn? Give thanks for them and let us keep all those going back to school in our prayers:

O God, we pray for each student, educators, and staff member returning to their classrooms. Cover them in your grace and mercy. Provide them with safe and healthy places to grow and learn. Send them friends to encourage them. Offer them the gifts of courage, love, and kindness. May their knowledge increase and their faith be sustained. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

May you feel God's peace surrounding you,

Pastor Lucy



**CONNECTING COMMUNITIES WITH ACCESS
TO FREE LOCALLY GROWN FOOD**

JUNEAU COUNTY LOCAL FOOD POP UP EVENTS

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER



Funded by the Juneau County Local Food Purchase Assistance Grant Program

August 7- Mauston Lions Park 4pm - 6pm

Corner of Grayside & Division St. Mauston

August 16- Juneau County Fairgrounds 2pm-3pm

1001 Division St. Mauston

August 21- Necedah Village Hall 4pm-6pm

101 Center St. Necedah

August 28- Wonewoc Center Bakers Field

Vine St. Wonewoc

August 29- Sharing Supper Mauston High School 5pm - 6pm

800 Grayside Ave Mauston

September 4- Mauston Lions Park 4-6pm

Corner of Grayside & Division St. Mauston

September 11- Elroy Fairgrounds 4pm-6pm

N2435 WI-82 Elroy

September 18 - Camp Douglas Village Hall 4pm-6pm

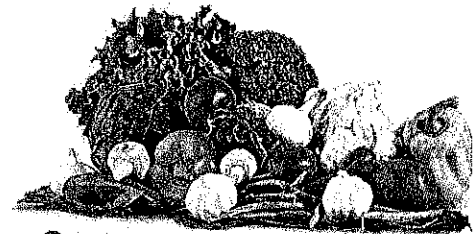
304 Center St Camp Douglas

September 25 - New Lisbon Community Center 4pm - 6pm

110 Welch Prairie Rd New Lisbon

September 26- Sharing Supper Mauston High School 5pm - 6pm

800 Grayside Ave Mauston



Open to all Juneau County Residents. No qualifications to participate. Items will vary depending on growing season and availability. All pop-up events are first come first served basis.





SEPTEMBER 2024 CELEBRATIONS



BETHANY

BIRTHDAYS

Mark Hansen – 1
Rhonda Larson – 5
Penny Tiedt – 7
Christina Krotzman – 9
Daniel Swinehart – 12
DeAnna Gollmar – 13
Cindy Costello – 14
Frank Zobel – 14
Patti Phillips – 16
Dawn Van Meter – 17
Dennis Stark – 17
Kamden Reichhoff - 20
Timothy Georgeson – 26
Morgan Reichhoff - 28

EAST LEMONWEIR

BIRTHDAYS

Diane Clark – 20
Marlene Pelton – 28

BETHANY

ANNIVERSARIES

Frank & Judy Zobel – 19
John & Rosie Halverson - 30

EAST LEMONWEIR

ANNIVERSARIES

Roger & Kathy Pitcel – 5
Roger & Dawn Nelson – 27

If a celebration is not
listed, please call 608 562
3807.

2024 September Worship Assistants

East Lemonweir

**9/1 Joint 10:30 am
Worship @ Bethany
Readers**

9/8 Dawn Nelson
9/15 Jennifer Sarnow
9/22 Diane Clark
9/29 Roger Nelson

Greeters

9/8 Roger & Dawn Nelson
9/15 Jennifer Sarnow
9/22 Audrey Scholl
9/28 Gayle Hempel

Bethany Assistants

September 1

Assistant Minister – Michaelae Korbein
Reader – Sheila Stark
Altar Communion – Michaelae Korbein
Ushers - Mark & Debby Hansen

September 8

Assistant Minister – Larry Thome
Reader – Barb Parker
Continuous Communion – Larry
Thome, DeAnna Smith, Betty
Krotzman
Ushers – Karl Katuin & Tim Parker

September 15

Assistant Minister – Mark Hansen
Reader – Debby Hansen
Altar Communion – Mark Hansen
Ushers – Mike & Lori Esser

September 22

Assistant Minister – Beth Preuss
Reader – Michaelae Korbein
Continuous Communion – Inger
Kirkwood, Michaelae Korbein, Beth
Preuss
Ushers – Larry & Kathy Thome

September 29

Assistant Minister – Galen Lingl
Reader – Angie Krizan
Ushers – Shane Gesler
No Communion (5th Sunday)

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Bethany

September 15th

Hint for the big prize game: Can you see it?

*You can donate prizes to the Bingo Basket, if you want. Hope to see and hear you on the 15th!

B I N G O

12	25	41	51	63
3	30	37	54	66
7	21	FREE	56	74
1	26	35	50	69
10	17	45	47	64

MILTON BRADLEY COMPANY
Springfield, Massachusetts

Attention: Bethany & Friends -
Mark your calendars!

Church Auction
on Sunday, October 6th
in Fellowship Hall -
to follow our church service

Ways you can help and/or participate:

- 1) Donate items - can be new or slightly used and in excellent condition
(some ideas - vases, baskets, baked goods, home decor;
feel free to be creative with your donations).
- 2) Please have donated items to church by Saturday, October 5th.
- 3) Take a look at the items, which will be located in the Fellowship Hall,
and be here to bid on items that interest you.
- 4) **New this year: Some silent auction items.**

****Monies raised will support BLC by
enhancing our **Emergency Fund.****

East Lemonweir Council Report

July 21, 2024

Those present Roger Nelson, Jennifer Sarnow, Connie Wolfgram, Audrey Scholl, Marlene Pelton, and Kathryn Pitcel. The meeting started at 11:40 am.

Roger Nelson called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the Secretary's Report by Marlene, second by Kathryn; motion carried. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Audrey, second by Marlene; motion carried.

We are now insured by Rural Mutual Insurance Company.

Marlene reported on Wa Du Shuda days. Because of the storm we had to shut down early. We were able to return one package of cones and three tubs of ice cream.

Jennifer made a motion to adjourn, second by Kathryn; motion carried. We closed by praying the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wolfgram, Sec.

East Lemonweir Council Meeting Report

August 11,2024

Those present were Pastor Lucy, Roger Nelson, Marlene Pelton, Margarete Hummelbeck, Audrey Scholl, Kathryn Pitcel, Jennifer Sarnow, Roger Pitcel and Connie Wolfgram. We began at 11:25 am.

Roger Nelson called the meeting to order and Pastor Lucy led us in prayer. A motion by Kathryn, second by Jennifer to approve the Secretary's Report; motion carried. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Marlene, second by Audrey; motion carried.

The cement work will be starting this week. The \$31,162 bid did not include the railings. T2 is the contracting company.

We pre-ordered propane from the Co-op. We have \$1200 left and decided to order 2,000 gallons more. Motion by Marlene, second by Connie; motion carried.

Pastor Lucy reported Bethany will host worship on September 1 with a lunch to follow. On September 8th all the youth from the National Youth Gathering will be at East Lemonweir.

The 170th Anniversary luncheon was discussed and legacy planning for the future. Pastor Lucy noted we could get help with planning from the Assistant to the Bishop who could come here to meet with us.

A motion to adjourn made by Jennifer, second by Connie; motion carried. We closed by praying the Lord's Prayer. Ending time 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wolfgram, Sec.

W-ELCA News

Mission Statement – To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

The annual salad luncheon and silent purse auction were a success. Thanks to everyone involved.

We enjoyed a good visit with our shut ins on August 12th. Fran asked us to greet everyone.

Upcoming events:

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd – Rachel Circle meets at 4:00 in the conference room

Sunday, Sept. 8th – Grandparents Day – don't forget your item(s) for the Baby Care Kits

Sunday, Sept. 22nd – WELCA meets after church in the conference room

A thought: Misery might love company, but so does joy. And joy throws much better parties. B. Ivey

Baby Care Kits

*WELC is accepting donations now through Sunday, Oct. 27th. If you have/had grandparents, are a grandparent or would like to be one please consider Grandparents Day, Sept. 8th as a day to donate something in appreciation of this special title.

* Any new or gently used items is appreciated and you may put them in the bassinet in the fellowship hall.

*Sizes between 6 and 24 months

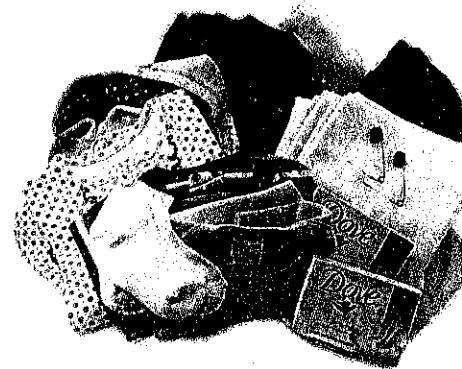
*Items needed: t-shirts, gowns or sleepers, receiving blankets, cloth diapers, jacket/sweater/sweatshirt with hoods, socks, dark hand towel, bath-size gentle soap, diaper pins.

*THANKS!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

NEW W-ELCA PROJECT

BABY CARE KITS



SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Please include sizes between 6 and 24 months. Varying the sizes of the clothing items included will make the Baby Care Kit useful as the baby grows.
- Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted from leftover yarn, or made from heavy double knits. Select a pattern that suits your skill level. Preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front.
- Diapers can be made from flannel or even by recycling t-shirts. Download a Diaper Tip Sheet from our website.
- If knitting or crocheting receiving blankets, including one knitted/crocheted blanket and one flannel blanket will provide maximum versatility.
- Onesies can be cut and hemmed or serged to make a simple t-shirt.
- Gowns, rompers or top/pants sets can be substituted for sleepers.
- Gently used, clean clothing and blankets (no stains or tears) may be substituted for new ones. It is especially important that the items be in excellent condition, as used clothing is increasingly difficult to get through customs in many countries. Even one item that looks worn or stained to local officials can jeopardize the status of a whole shipment. All other items (diapers, towel, soap) in the Kit must be new.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH BABY CARE KIT

- TWO** lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)
- TWO** long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- TWO** receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
- FOUR** cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ONE** jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- TWO** pairs of socks
- ONE** hand towel, dark color recommended
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- TWO** diaper pins or large safety pins

- Please consider donating some of the items listed. Donations accepted Sunday July 28-Sunday October 27.
- While donations will be gratefully accepted anytime, please consider Grandparents Day, September 8th (**HAPPY GRANDPARENTS' DAY!!**) as a day to donate. More info or if you have any questions contact Christy Toelle or Judy Zobal. **THANKS!!**

SEPTEMBER 2024 CALENDAR Bethany/East Lemonweir Parishes

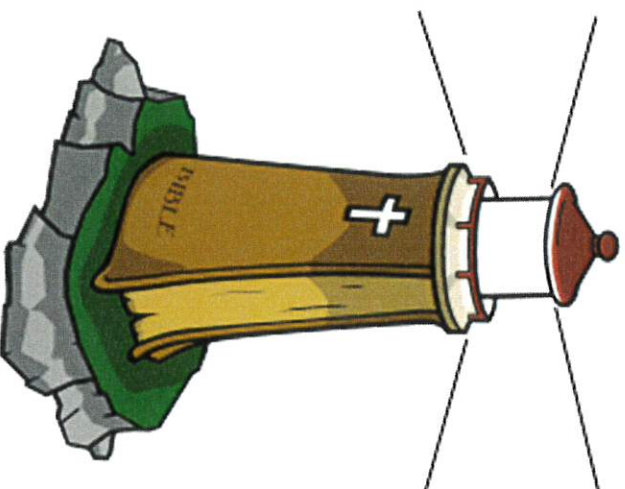
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1030 am Joint Worship @ Bethany. Lunch to Follow. All Welcome!	2	3 4 pm Rachael Circle @ Bethany	4 9am Quilting @ Bethany	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 9am Quilting @ Bethany	12 9 am Bible Study	13	14
15 BINGO after Bethany Worship	16	17	18 9am Quilting @ Bethany	9 am Bible Study	20	21
22 Bethany WELCA meets after worship. Fall Begins.	23 OCT BEACON Articles Due.	24	25 9am Quilting @ Bethany	26 9 am Bible Study	27	28
29	30	Bethany 9 am Worship Communion Altar 1 st & 3 rd Continuous 2 nd , 4 th & 5 th Sundays	10:30 am Worship East Lemonweir 1 st & 3 rd Sunday Communion	AA 6:30 pm Tue @ East Lemonweir Thu @ Bethany	Oct 6 th – Bethany Auction after worship.	Baby Care Kits Items would be appreciated. Accepted through October 27.



Bethany and East Lemonweir Lutheran Churches
618 West River Street
New Lisbon, WI. 53950
RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

The Beacon

Bethany / East Lemonweir Parish
September 2024



"I can do everything
through Christ who
strengthens me." —
Philippians 4:13