

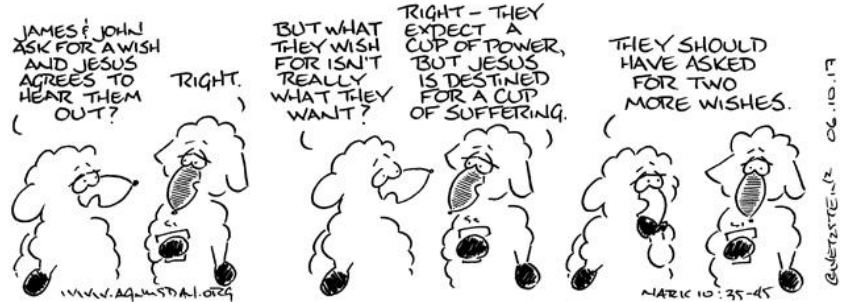


Bethany Lutheran Church

News & Notes

Week of March 17, 2024

Be Blessed + Believe + Belong!



This week at Bethany

Sunday 17 th	Monday 18 th	Tuesday 19 th	Wednesday 20 th	Thursday 21 st	Friday 22 nd	Saturday 23 rd
8am: Worship 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am: Worship Service	5pm: Council	4pm: Handbells 5:15pm: Choir	10am: Highland Lakes Bible Study 4pm: Lenten Meal 5pm: Lenten Worship	6pm: Bible Study		

DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME TAG – MEET A NEW FRIEND IN CHRIST TODAY!

Attendance:

February 18: 31 || 141
 February 21: 74
 February 25: 53 || 143
 February 28: 67
 March 3: 36 || 138
 March 6: 56
 March 10: 27 || 125
 March 13: 62

Our Mission Statement:

Bethany Lutheran Church is a place where you matter to God and to us, existing to glorify the Holy Trinity, to administer the sacraments, to teach and preach the gospel in all its purity, to grow in our relationship to God.

WORSHIP----CONNECTING-----GIVING

How to Contact:

Pastor Mike: 352-787-7275 | email: Michael.Hanel@gmail.com

Office hours Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am-2:30pm (but I can be out doing visits or appointments)

Friday is my off day.

I am always open for conversations, and I want to know any concerns/prayers/joys. We're in this life together as God's family. Pastor Mike

Church Office: 352-787-7275 | email: BLCLeesburg@gmail.com

Office is open 9am-1pm Mon.-Fri.



Facebook: We are “Bethany Lutheran Church Leesburg FL” on Facebook

Website: www.bethanylutheranleesburg.com

YouTube (Livestream): www.youtube.com/bethanylutheranleesburg

Online Giving --- It's simple. Go to our website at

<https://www.bethanylutheranleesburg.com/home> and click on DONATE tab. Follow instructions.

Your donation will be tracked through church records as usual.

Altar Flowers: If you would like to provide a bouquet or two of flowers for a special occasion or just because, sign up on the Flower Chart on the clipboard in the Narthex. The cost per bouquet is \$35. The flowers are yours after the service on Sunday.

Do you have something for NEWS & NOTES?

Email to April Harrison (BLCLeesburg@gmail.com) by early **Thursday** each week to share in the News & Notes. Earlier in the week is preferred.

Our Church Calendar exists online and is found on our website under the menu item “Connect.” There's a lot going on lately and that's a great place to check up! If you see that something is not on there that should be, let us know in the office!

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!

Sunday School: Pre-school through elementary: *Enduring Faith* (chronological) *Bible Curriculum*, Unit 6. Current lessons will follow the kings, prophets and heroes of faith through Malachi--Jesus is coming!

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Sunday morning Bible Class led by Pastor Mike (and Tom substitute): We're spending time brushing up on the basics as we study Luther's *Small Catechism*. Join us in-person or via Zoom. We begin 9:15 Sunday morning. Classes are posted afterwards on YouTube.

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Wednesday Morning Highland Lakes Bible Study! – The Gospel of Mark!

Where: Highland Lakes Clubhouse; 5500 Clubhouse Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748

Date/Time: Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Audio for these classes is posted afterward on YouTube.

**** NO BIBLE STUDY MARCH 27th**

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Monthly Men's Prayer and Fellowship Breakfast will meet on **Thursday, April 11th at 8:30am**, at Bob Evans (360 Colony Blvd, The Villages). We will watch a short video (on the Apostles' Creed) with discussion, followed by a time of prayer. Wally is the main coordinator for the group, but Pastor Mike is working with this too. This is open to all men (whether members of Bethany or not). If you have questions, please talk to Wally.

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Thursday evening Bible Study 6pm: The Gospel According to John. Thursday evening Bible Study 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm: The Gospel According to John. Using the Living Way Bible Study four-part emphasis (Personal Application questions, small group discussion, the message from the leader, and the narrative of the author), the student studies each section of Scripture from four different approaches. This process emphasizes the Bible text and gives the student an understanding and ownership for each section studied. You may attend in person or online via Zoom. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Bonnie. **There will be no Thursday Bible Study on Maundy Thursday, March 28.**

This week's Memory Verse:

Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Order Form for Easter Lilies

Easter is quickly approaching. **Please take the time to order an Easter Lily or two to honor or in memory of a loved one. Each plant is \$9.** Place your order any time **before Palm Sunday, March 24**. Lilies may be taken home following the Easter service. Forms will be available at church as well. Questions? Call April Harrison 352-787-7275. Thank you.

Donor Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Number of Lilies _____ x \$9 per lily

Check Amount \$ _____

EASTER BREAKFAST HELP

We are planning an Easter breakfast between services (**March 31**). There will be no Fellowship after the late service on Easter Sunday and no Bible Class between services. The breakfast between the services will take the place of both. If you can bring a breakfast casserole to share, please let Colletta know!



Our Lenten Theme this year is “Calling Us Home...” and is based on 1 Peter in the New Testament.

“Here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come” (Hebrews 13:14). In Lent and Easter, we invite worshippers to the eternal truths that guide our pilgrimage toward eternity. The short First Epistle of Peter, only 105 verses, is rich with guidance and encouragement for living in a post-church and increasingly secular society. Five times Peter tells the scattered congregations of Asia Minor that they are called by God and it’s those passages that serve as the starting point for the midweek Lenten services.

When we go on a journey, we can’t take everything with us. So, during the Sundays in Lent, we’ll talk about leaving something behind, some baggage that we don’t need on our heavenward journey. This year we will join a journey that others have taken for centuries. We are God’s “peculiar” people, and He continues to call us “strangers and sojourners” home to Himself.

I pray that you would join us on the journey this year and that you would be blessed along the way!

P.S. – Since I’ve been asked this, I (Pastor Mike) will be at Bethany leading and preaching all of the Lenten services (God-willing, of course!).

Lenten Midweek and Easter Schedule

Wednesday Midweek Services:

March 20 – 5pm Service

*** All Wednesday services preceded
by a light supper at 4pm.*

Holy Week Schedule:

March 24, Palm Sunday – 8 and 10:30am
Services

March 28, Maundy Thursday – 5pm
Service (with Communion)

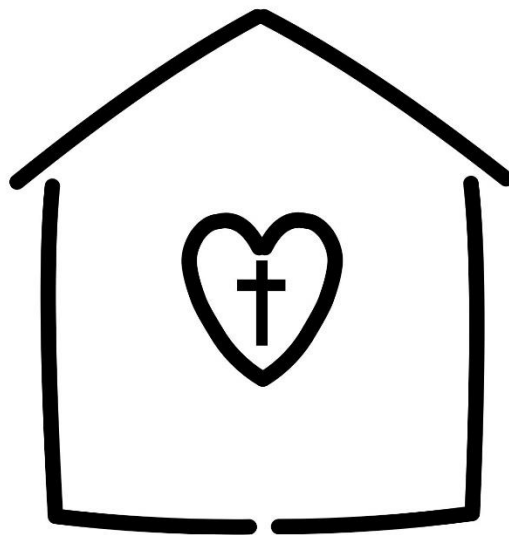
March 29, Good Friday – 5pm Service

Easter Sunday:

March 31 – 8am and 10:30am Services (with
Communion)

*** No Bible Study on Easter. Instead join
us for Easter breakfast between services*

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A LENTEN SERIES BASED ON 1 PETER