

The Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2017



KEEPING FAITH; SISTERS OF STORY

Our big event is finally here! Join us in welcoming Rohina Malik, Susan Stone, and Kim Schultz, with musician Lucia Thomas for “Keeping Faith: Sisters of Story.” The performance is on Saturday, September 9 at 3:00pm. Tickets are \$15/adult and \$10/student. The performance is probably best suited for children 12 years and older.

We hope you can join us! The Evangelism Committee will be working on setting up on Saturday morning at 10am. Dessert donations can be dropped off at that time. Helping hands are welcome. Following the performance, there will be a dessert reception. As that wraps up, we will need helping hands to clean up. Bethany members: please consider carpooling to the event or walking if you live nearby. If your ability allows, consider parking farther away to leave closer spots for our guests.

Sunday School kicks off this Sunday,
September 10 at 9:15am.

We invite children and their parents to join us for a morning of puppet making, treats, and talking about the year ahead. Please join us!



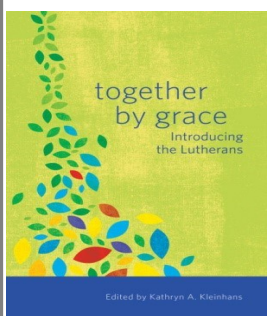
FALL REFORMATION STUDY

This year marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. This fall, Pr. Elaina is offering a study so that we can take a closer look both at our heritage and the future of the church. She has proposed the following two studies. If you would like to participate, please let Pr. Elaina know and indicate your study preference.



By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther’s Small Catechism

By Heart is a richly illustrated, in-depth exploration of the Small Catechism. It is suitable for group discussion, an adult study or personal enrichment. This guide will generate meaningful conversations about the biblical and historical context of the Small Catechism, its link to the church’s faith, and its connection to Luther’s life and your life today. There is an accompanying facilitator guide and DVD that highlights the book for use in a 7-session course for longtime Lutherans and those new to the faith, as well. Perfect for marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.



Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans

Lutherans offer liberating insights into Christian faith, encompass a worldwide reach, and tell a story that goes back 500 years while pointing to the future. This volume takes us on a journey across this broad landscape of faith and time. Over two dozen gifted writers—scholars, pastors, leaders, activists—paint a colorful map for this journey. Newcomers will find intriguing entry points, and lifelong Lutherans will discover new dimensions. Whether it’s a passion for a grace-filled theology, worship and music that lift spirits, or a deep concern for wholeness and justice, Lutherans are engaged in the world, alongside other Christians and those of various faiths.

Study will begin in mid-September and times being considered are Wednesday mornings at 9am; Wednesday lunch or Sunday morning at 9:15am.

HURRICANE HARVEY

It has been heart wrenching to watch the devastation left in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Texans will be recovering for years after the flood waters finally recede. Lutheran Disaster Response, a ministry of the ELCA, will be a part of the long-term recovery effort. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "Hurricane Response—United States" will be used entirely (100%) for this disaster until the response is complete. This is one way that the ELCA is church together. With your gifts to Bethany, we pass on a gift to the Metro Chicago Synod, who then passes on a gift to the ELCA Churchwide Offices. That means the overhead and salary costs of Lutheran Disaster Response are covered by congregations and synods across the country. Donations, then, go directly to disaster response. If you feel called to offer support to victims of Hurricane Harvey, Lutheran Disaster Response will be on the ground working on recovery for years to come.

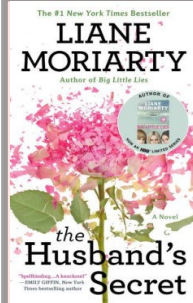


Reformation Celebration

On Sunday, October 29, we, with Lutherans around the world, will be commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. As part of our celebration, we would like to do a meal. If you would be interested in helping plan this one-time event, please speak to Pr. Elaina. This team will work over the next two months to plan a party five centuries in the making!



Each summer, Ashley Vass of the Lemont Community Garden plants and tends herbs and vegetables for disbursement at Bethany Open Pantry. Our pantry clients are able to come in each week and select fresh produce. We are thrilled to be the beneficiary of her green thumb!



SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB

Not a reader? Join us anyway for lunch at a local restaurant and a social hour. Book discussion follows lunch so if you haven't read the book, feel free to leave. The September selection is The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty. Book Club will meet at 1PM on September 20th at Tap House Grill.



- Don Garling for replacing a faulty outlet in the Community Room
- Corey Schroeder and Don Garling for coordinating the fence installation at Bethany Cemetery
- Ralph Johnson for organizing the Food Bus at the Heritage Festival Parade
- Our School Supply Donors: Eddie & Glenda Anderson, Nancy Iwan, Ross & Ardy Wakefield, Pastor Elaina & Shawn Salmon, Karen & Steve Washagan, Ann Walker, Marlene & EJ Ahlberg, Marie Heeren, Bill & Pam Laasch, Sharon Ahlberg, Barb & Mike Woods, Nancy Mason, Dolores Gutowski, Joe & Kris Falese, John & Kelly Jaje, Lemont United Methodist Church, St. Alphonsus Church, Dave Dykstra/Edward Jones Investments and T.O.P.S Chapter#2196.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Bethany Members

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| Ginny Connelly | Peyton Kirk |
| Judy Faulhaber | Nancy Iwan |
| Frank Iwan | Theora Kujawa |
| Vivian Gunsaulus | Marie Heeren |
| Leona Nelson | Norma Johnson |
| Carl "Slip" Johnson | Virginia Hoster |
| Ben Sabourin | Theresa Woike |
| Vivian Tiemeier | |



Friends and Relatives of Bethany Members

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| Joanne Bauer—friend of Jim & Ginny Connelly | Gary Cobbett—friend of the Bergmarks |
| Gene Sobba—uncle of Carole & Jim Ross | Will Pukula—friend of the Olkiewicz Family |
| Terry Wilder—friend of Glenda Anderson | MaryAnn Olkiewicz—mother of Keith Olkiewicz |
| Bernie Schroeder—father of Cheryl Hagedorn | Justin Rogers—friend of Dave & Mary Staudt |
| Bob Lewandowski—uncle of John & Kelly Jaje | Jim Driscoll—friend of Gary Gray |
| Audrey Gee—relative of Virginia & Bob Hoster | Susan Newton—friend of MariLynn Bergmark |
| Stella Slowik—friend of Kim Stowe | Kyle Williams—friend of Sue Gray |
| Jimmy Power—brother of Glenda Anderson | Priscilla Lynch—friend of Karen Washagan |
| Sean Clark—friend of Kelsey Schroeder | Frank Roy—friend of Barb & Michael Woods |
| Rudy Cozzi—friend of Glenda & Ed Anderson | Maria Railey—friend of Lori Olkiewicz |
| The Halama Family—friends of the Iwans | Mike Bromberek —neighbor of Sharon Ahlberg |
| John Shea—brother-in-law of Heather & Mike Nilles | Janice Johnson—relative of Pat Engwall |
| Sue Lucheon—friend of Ginny Connelly | Mike Hoffman—friend of Kerri & Corey Schroeder |
| Pastor Melissa Kuemmerle —friend of the Bergmarks | Ralph Dvorak—friend of Mary & Dave Staudt |
| Marianne Carlson—friend of Ginny Connelly & Karen Rae | Jackie Falese—mother of Joe Falese |
| Justin & Stephanie Wormsley—friends of Jodi & Bruce Taylor | Beau Dowling—friend of Kris Falese |
| David Walsh—son-in-law of Virginia & Bob Hoster | Brenda Short—friend of Kealy Schroeder |
| Barbara McKee—friend of Kealy Schroeder | Anita Bromberek—neighbor of Sharon Ahlberg |
| Tim & Virginia Schroeder—relatives of Jim & Carole Ross | |

If you would like to add anyone to the Bethany Prayer List, call or email the church office OR drop a note in the offering plate—be sure to include your name.

Conversely, if anyone listed is no longer in need of our prayers, please notify us as well.

CALENDAR

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| Saturday, September 9 | Keeping Faith: Sisters of Story, 3PM
Dessert Reception to follow |
| Sunday, September 10 | Sunday School begins, 9:15AM
Worship, 10:30AM |
| Monday, September 11 | Church Council Meeting, 7PM |
| Wednesday, September 13 | NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP |
| Saturday, September 16 | Return to Saturday Worship, 5PM |
| Sunday, September 17 | Worship, 10:30AM |
| Wednesday, September 20 | Book Club at Tap House Grill, 1PM |
| Saturday, September 23 | Saturday Worship, 5PM |
| Sunday, September 24 | Sunday School, 9:15AM
Worship, 10:30AM |
| Saturday, September 30 | Saturday Worship, 5PM |

GIFTS TO THE BETHANY

A gift to the General Fund was given in memory of Bob Kubis and his parents, Anna Mae & Bob Kubis, Sr. by Marcy Kubis.

A gift to the Cemetery Fund was given by Ihab Naserallah to install fencing on the south side of the cemetery property.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED FOOD STAPLES TO THE BETHANY OPEN PANTRY

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