



Sunday Schedule

Worship @ 8 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School & Adult
Bible Study at 9:15 AM

Tuesday Schedule

Matins — 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study @ 9:30
**No Matins or Bible Class
on November 8.**

Holy Communion

8:00 11/06, 11/20
10:30 11/13, 11/27
7:00 11/23

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Mary Martha Circle

Tuesday, 11/01 @ 1:30

Church Family Home

Away from Home

Wednesday, 11/09 @ 6:00

Council

Thursday, 11/10 @ 6:30

Young at Heart

Friday, 11/11 @ 5:00

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Saturday, 11/12 @ 8:00

Altar Guild Meeting

Saturday, 11/12 @ 9:45

Congregation Voters' Meeting

Sunday, 11/13 @ 11:45

Ladies Guild

Thursday, 11/17 @ 6:00

Elders

Thursday, 11/17 @ 6:30

New Member Wel- come

Sunday, 11/27 @ 11:45

Finance Board

Tuesday, 11/29 @ 6:00

Preschool Board

Tuesday, 11/29 @ 6:30

Sunday School Staff

Tuesday 11/29 @ 7:30

A Thankful Thanksgiving

A journalist was on assignment in a third-world country. Walking the city streets, he struck up a conversation with a young boy. The boy had no home, no family. He lived day to day. His shelter was a cardboard box. As the journalist asked his age and found out that his birthday was the next day, the journalist asked him "If you could have anything you wanted, what would you want for your birthday?" The boy answered very quickly, "a piece of plastic." The rain, you see, often would soak the cardboard box, and all he had would be wet and cold. The plastic would keep him dry. That was the most wonderful thing he could imagine.

A story such as this helps us realize how many things we have to be thankful for, doesn't it? The trouble is that even a story about the boy's simple wish for some plastic cannot guarantee that we will feel thankful at Thanksgiving. Maybe our joy has become disappointment. Maybe heartache has devastated our family. Maybe we are in poor health. If our joy and thanksgiving depend on how well our lives have been going, then holidays like Thanksgiving will often be bland and empty. Even hearing about the poor boy living in a cardboard box will not make a lasting difference.

That's why our source of joy and thanksgiving needs to come from something greater. God's Word leads us to the truth, "Thanks be to God, Who always leads us in Christ's triumphant procession..." 2 Corinthians 2:14. No matter what our circumstances are, as we believe in Jesus Christ, our lives are lives of triumph. Our source of joy and thanksgiving is found only in our Savior!



The message of full forgiveness through Jesus' life, death on the cross and His resurrection can transform a thankless Thanksgiving into one filled with gratitude. It transforms defeated lives into triumphant ones. In the end what matters is not whether our home is made of wood, brick, or cardboard. What matters is knowing and trusting in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. To learn more about Jesus and how He will change your lives, please join us for our Thanksgiving service or any of our worship services. See you there!

ADVENT SERVICES

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 27th. We will have Advent Services at 1 and 7 PM on Wednesdays, November 30th, December 7th and 14th. A special time to meditate on the true "reason for the season" and to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE Wednesday, November 23rd 7 PM

We hope everyone joins us for this opportunity to thank and praise God this Thanksgiving for all His bountiful blessings to us this past year!

WORSHIP WITH US !

Sunday mornings at 8 and 10:30
Sunday School & Adult Bible
Class at 9:15 AM

Happy Birthday -- and God's richest blessings to the following people this month!

November

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| 1 | Laurie Gauvin |
| 2 | Jerry Frank
Erin Madden |
| 3 | Debbie Helwig
Mitchell Weber |
| 4 | David Meyer |
| 5 | Matthew Pantzloff
Steven Torpen |
| 7 | Chelsey Winkler |
| 8 | Connie Moritz |
| 12 | Geneva Klemmer |
| 13 | Becky Britton |
| 14 | Barry Storlie
Martha Helen Sandvig |
| 17 | Brian Thompson |
| 18 | Trent Heaviland |
| 19 | Mary Backstrom
Alexandra Dolen
Adam Fitzpatrick |
| 20 | Selena Davis |
| 21 | Jamie Scott |
| 22 | James Torpen |
| 23 | Duane Harris |
| 24 | Judy Owen |
| 25 | Sharon Peterson |
| 26 | Judy Neitmann
Bryce Sandvig |
| 27 | Grayson Sandvig |
| 29 | Thomas Barneson
Preslie Fisher |



From the Church Council — The Church Council met on the 13th of October, 10 members of the council were present. We are gearing up for the coming year, snow plow bid was approved, finance board will be meeting Oct. 24th and the planning committee on Oct. 27th. Much work will be going on during the next month or so to lay out our plan for the next year as well as some long term planning which we hope to share during the annual meeting. The Council also approved the purchase of some Bible Study material to help keep our Bible study going strong. Nomination committee was also setup, this year the committee will consist of Vern Moen, Charlie Walters, David Berger and Scott Davis. If you have any interest in serving in any position, please let one of them know, contact the church office or fill out one of the half sheets from the bulletin. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact one the council members. God willing, we will see you Sunday.

Tree of Lights & Stars -- The Ladies' Guild will again have a tree of lights and stars fundraiser during this Christmas season. You may help illuminate the tree by honoring your loved ones. For only \$1.00 per star per name, you can add your honorees to the tree. Gold stars will honor the memory of loved ones, and silver stars will honor family and friends who are part of our lives today. Complete a form by November 27th to purchase a star. More information and sign-up sheets will come out later this month. The proceeds from the "Tree of Lights" will be used towards purchasing new art prints Thank you for your help with this special project!



CELEBRATE the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and the 100th anniversary of our Synod. Booklets will be placed on the table in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider donation to our Synod's missions in honor of these anniversaries.

Happy Anniversary -- and the Lord's blessings to the following couples this month!

November

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| 1 | Mr. & Mrs. Troy Moritz |
| 2 | Mr. & Mrs. Scott Davis |
| 13 | Mr. & Mrs. Brian Thompson |
| 27 | Dr. & Mrs. Rick Larson |



Fall Yard Clean Up -- We all realize it seems harder and harder to find time these days... but really time cannot be found but must be made. The trustees of our Church are requesting your help in any way that you can, any day or time of day to help us maintain the grounds at our church sometime during November. Come whenever you can. If you have a lawn tractor that picks up leaves it would greatly help. Leaves can be dumped in the woods. No set day — just come whenever you can. Thanks Trustees.

If we are missing your Birthday or Anniversary, please let the church office know, so that we may enter it into our data base. Thank you!

Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, November 13 after the 10:30 service. There will be a presentation on our proposed Church Constitution and we will vote on our hymnal project..

Thanksgiving Food Drive -- As we give thanks for our many blessings this Thanksgiving, we would also like to remember those who may not be as fortunate. We will be collecting non-perishable food items here at church to donate to a local food pantry. Canned goods, dry staple food items, and personal items may be brought to church anytime this month. Thank you!

New Member Welcome — Please join us for cake, ice cream and coffee on Sunday, November 27 to welcome our new members.

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES
Open House

Spend some time on campus and learn more about the opportunities that await you at Bethany! This event will include a general presentation about BLC and a tour of campus with a current student.

- Saturday, November 11; 9:45-11:45
- Saturday, December 3; 1:00-3:00

Get Away Weekends

Bethany invites all high school junior and senior to spend a FREE weekend* on campus. This event allows you to sit in on classes, talk to professors and coaches, stay in our residence halls and attend chapel. You'll spend time with current students and discover what it is to be a student at BLC. *a \$40 deposit is required

Thursday, February 2, 2017 - Saturday, February 4, 2017

For more information or to register visit BLC's website at blc.edu/ admissions and click on Admissions Events