

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America **Bethany Lutheran Church**

35 W. Messenger Street • Rice Lake, WI 54868 • Church Office: 715-234-9028

**Email:** lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org      **Worship:** Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. (In Person)  
**Website:** www.bethanyricelake.org      **Live Streaming:** Sundays 8:00 a.m. on  
**Facebook:** Bethany Lutheran - Rice Lake, WI      Bethany's website and Facebook page  
**Live Radio Broadcast:** Sundays 8:00 a.m.      **Cable Broadcast:** Channels 992 (Charter) & 993 (Mosaic)  
WJMC 96.1 FM & 1240 AM      Sundays 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM; Thursdays 7:00 PM

## **Prayer Ministry**

### **New Prayers for Members:**

**Ongoing Prayers for Members:** Marie Anderson • Ray Arnevik • Cady Buchli • Ron Debner • Kendra Fritz • Bob Gerber • Jim Hagen • Bob Johnson • Carolyn Kochel • Maci Lundequam • Alyssa McCullough • Kaylee Musil • Sharon Peterson • Whitney (Passint) Prestby • Cole Rindsig • Lynn Sulackow • Virginia Tronstad • Ray Vaughn

### **New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:**

**Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:** Chad Becker • Bob (Roxie) Berg • Felicia Keleven • Clara Kern • Paul Klancher • Charlie Lawton • Mark Loehlein • Gloria Mattakat • Troy Miller • Bruce Olson • Kaye Olson • Paul Rindsig • Holly Thompson • Paul Wilker

**Active Military Duty:** Tanner Ely • Jonathan Marsh • Ethan Nieman • Alain Pierre • Jason Randall • Abby Ring

**Radio Broadcast:** Sponsored in memory of John Olesczuk by friends of family

You may make requests for the Prayer Ministry by calling the church office at 715-234-9028. You can also email [bethany@bethanyricelake.org](mailto:bethany@bethanyricelake.org) or fill out a request form on Bethany's website.

## **Prayers for Our Home Members**

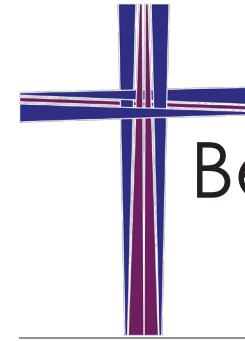
Sandie Anderson • Edie Berg • June Brunette • Irene Christianson • Foster Dunwiddie • Pauline Eidahl • Donna Gagner • Elaine Gonske • Betty Granum • Nancy Herbert • Esther Honetor • Alice Johnson • Sid & Carolyn Johnson • Tom & Judy Klasell • Dick Moe • Regina Mueller • Janie Riggs

**Bethany Text Giving Available:**

Interim Pastor Peter Muschinske Cell:

**715-303-3484**

**314-703-1496**



**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
*welcomes you to worship!*

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

8:00 a.m.



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## Order of Worship

Prelude		Amy Brekke
Welcome		
Confession and Forgiveness		
Opening Litany		
Apostolic Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		
Special Music	<i>"It Is Well with My Soul"</i>	Mark Nymo
First Reading	<b>Isaiah 35:4-7a</b>	Pew Bible, 578
Psalm	<b>Psalm 146</b>	
Second Reading	<b>Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23</b>	Pew Bible, 527
Children's Moment	<i>"Doers of the Word"</i>	
Gospel Acclamation		
Gospel Reading	<b>Mark 7:24-37</b>	Pew Bible, 819
Message		Pastor Peter Muschinske
Hymn of the Day Reflection	<i>"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"</i>	Video
Apostles' Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		Eldon Vrieze
Sharing of Peace		
Offering		Text Giving Available: 715-303-3484
Offering Prayer		
Holy Communion		
Communion Reflection	<i>"For the Beauty of the Earth"</i>	Lianna Muschinske
Prayer after Communion		
Announcements		
Blessing		
Dismissal		
Postlude		Susan Barta

## The Bethany Week Ahead • September 5 - 11, 2021

**Sunday**  
**5** 8:00 AM Worship/SA  
10:00 AM Worship/GS

**Monday**  
**6** **Labor Day - Office Closed**

**Tuesday**  
**7** 10:00 AM Staff Mtg/Zoom  
12:00 PM LunchBox/PL

**Wednesday**  
**8** 1:00 PM Bethany 1 Circle/CR

**Thursday**  
**9** 9:30 AM Caring Community Coordinators/Zoom  
7:00 PM Worship & Music  
7:00 PM AA/105

**Friday**  
**10**

**Saturday**  
**11**

**Main Level:** CR-Conference Room GR-Gathering Room LI-Library NA-Narthex SA-Sanctuary NS-Nursery  
BR-Bell Room **Lower Level:** LL-Luther Lecture FH-Fellowship Hall QR-Quilting Room YR-Youth Room  
**Upper Level:** 3F-3rd Floor **Outside:** PL-Parking Lot GS-Green Space

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## Worship Participants

<b>Officiant:</b>	Pastor Peter Muschinske	<b>Projection:</b>	Jan Wilking
<b>Reader:</b>	Candace Falk	<b>Song Leader:</b>	Mark Nymo
<b>Piano:</b>	Amy Brekke	<b>Audio/Streaming:</b>	Dave Wilson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bun Hanson	<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Bun Hanson

**GREEN TEAM COLLECTIONS:** The Green Team is collecting gently used shoes for Sole4Souls, used AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt batteries, used markers and used printer cartridges. These collections will be continuous.

There are two new, ongoing, collections happening. The first is denim; it can be recycled into insulation. Please note, the denim **MUST** be at least 90% cotton. The second new collection is cork. It must be real, not synthetic, cork.

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**You Are Vital to Bethany's Mission!** Bethany's mission to **INVITE**, **GROW** and **GO** invites all to share their gifts and talents. Your hands are the vital link in serving the church, our community and our world. Please consider how Jesus is calling you to serve your neighbor. It all begins with worship of Jesus, the alpha and omega. No matter our worship format or location, please extend your partnership in this by asking yourself:

- Could you read during worship?
- Is ushering something you might like to try?
- Maybe you want to learn more about public prayers of the church!
- Or, perhaps your calling is being part of the Altar Guild and preparing the communion elements for worship.
- For those who prefer serving unseen, the streaming/audio position or projectionist might be the best fit!

However you feel called to serve, we want you to succeed! Signups for most positions are on Bethany's website under the Signups tab. If you are not able to find what you are looking for or have questions, please contact the office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org.

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**FOLLOW ALONG WITH WORSHIP:** The Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. bulletins are available on Bethany's website homepage and archived on our bulletin publications page! We invite you to print a copy or follow along on your device with our order of service.

## Notice of Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Purpose: The sole purpose is to vote upon the recommendation of the Call Committee and the Council for the next Lead Pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church.

Your Council met with the Call Committee on August 16 for the purpose of reviewing and approving the Call Committee's recommendation to nominate a candidate for Lead Pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church. The candidate had been extensively interviewed, references contacted and recent worship services were observed. The call committee is unanimous in their endorsement of the candidate and the Council has affirmed that endorsement unanimously. You will have a chance to learn more about the candidate at this meeting.

This special meeting of the congregation will seek congregational members' approval of the candidate and the approval of the agreed-upon compensation and benefits package.

This meeting will need to have a quorum and there will be a ballot vote. Specifics of the agenda and other details are being formed at this time.

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**SAFELY REGATHERING TASK FORCE UPDATE:** Covid 19 activity remains high in Barron County with the average daily new case number at 35.7 per 100,000 population and positive Covid 19 test percentage at 13.1%. We therefore continue to follow CDC recommendations for universal masking indoors for all over the age of two years. Recognizing the higher potential for transmitting Covid with the Delta variant, the CDC recently recommended that in areas of high numbers of Covid 19 cases, people should consider wearing masks outdoors in a crowded setting or for outdoor activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated. If one wishes to lower their risk of Covid infection in our outdoor worship setting, one might consider wearing a mask, or one might consider creating a bit of distance between family units when picking a place to sit under or near the tent. With temperatures trending cooler, we might not all need to be sitting shoulder to shoulder under the tent to try and find some shade and could spread out a bit more. Hopefully, these options give us some choices, depending on our tolerance for risk, for those continuing to worship outdoors in these beautiful days of autumn.

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**Saturday Worship Postponed:** Regrettably, we will be postponing returning to worship on Saturday evenings due to health concerns. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 715-234-9028 or lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org.

*Urgent update on Afghan Refugees:* Families who were evacuated from Kabul are settling in at Ft. McCoy here in Wisconsin. The situation continues to be chaotic and fast-moving, but Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services (LIRS) has come up with ways for churches and individuals to help with resettlement. For more information on how to help in the best way, please go to the webpage that LIRS has set up to help us respond to the needs of Afghan refugees, <https://www.lirs.org/help-our-afghan-allies/>. The synod will do its best to keep you informed about local and regional efforts, but the best information for now will be coming from LIRS nationally and here in Wisconsin.

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**ELCA Disaster Response is calling for aid:** A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti on Saturday morning, August 14. Over 1,400 people were killed, and that number is expected to increase as search-and-rescue efforts continue. Blocked roads are delaying the delivery of vital supplies to hospitals, which are overwhelmed with more than 6,900 injured people.

Now, the headlines are filled with the devastation from Hurricane Ida, which made landfall near New Orleans on August 30 — exactly 16 years after Hurricane Katrina. As a strong Category 4 storm, Hurricane Ida's 150 mph winds, torrential rain and strong storm surge caused widespread flooding and wind damage in southeastern Louisiana and coastal Mississippi.

Every donation counts! To donate, make checks payable to Bethany Lutheran Church with ELCA Disaster, Wild Fires, Earthquake and/or Hurricane in the memo line.

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## Join us Sunday, September 12 for a Rally Sunday Celebration at Mommsen's Harvest Hills!

**8:00 a.m. worship in Bethany's Sanctuary**

**8:30 a.m. – Light Breakfast at Mommsen's**

**9:15 a.m. – Worship at Mommsen's**

There will be a Blessing of Backpacks at worship. Kids are encouraged to bring their backpacks and receive a backpack tag.



After worship, enjoy some Fall Fun exploring Harvest Hills! Everyone present will receive a wristband for the petting zoo and maze OR a coupon for a caramel apple.

## WORD OR WORDS: ZOOMVERSATIONS ON OUR LIFE OF FAITH

To be a part of conversations (zoomversations!) on the first and third Wednesday mornings of the month at 10:00 a.m., please email Pastor Peter at [pastorpeter@bethanyricelake.org](mailto:pastorpeter@bethanyricelake.org) so he can provide links for essential background/pre-session preparation. Post-session applications will be up to all of us as Disciples of Jesus Christ! The next conversation continues Wednesday, September 15!

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*Ordination:* Scott Burns will be ordained as a Deacon of the ELCA on Saturday, September 18 at Lakeside Lutheran at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend the service and the reception to follow.

Lakeside Community Lutheran Church  
28626 County Road H  
Webster, WI 54893

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## CROSSTALK:

### SUNDAYS AT 9:05 A.M. IN THE GATHERING ROOM

**September 19:** Radio Controlled Model Airplanes by Jim Adams and Bill Sachs

Jim Adams and Bill Sachs, two radio-controlled model aviation enthusiasts, will present a primer on Radio Controlled (RC) model airplane flying and building. They fly their models locally during the summer months with the Rice Lake Model Airplane Club. Their presentation will include some history, how RC airplanes are controlled, flying safety and building techniques. They will display models they have built and show slides from local RC model airplane meets. Come fly with us!

**September 26:** New Family House to be built by Salvation Army by Duana Bremer

Whenever a disaster occurs in Barron County, you can always count on the Salvation Army to show up to provide support and emergency assistance. Duana Bremer, the Salvation Army Director for Barron County, will provide an overview of their organization and operation in the county. She will also discuss the opening of the Family House this winter, which will provide transitional housing and emergency shelter for families.

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