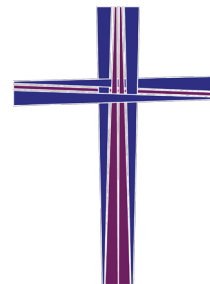




Bethany Lutheran & Partners in Faith

welcome you to worship!



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

We Gather

Prelude

Susan Barta and Amy Brekke

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin - our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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Greeting

Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God, our Prince of Peace, our Might God, our Wonderful Counselor, who is and was and is to come. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, **by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days'

walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

"Who Am I"

Anakah Denison

Psalm

Psalm 62:5-12

Sung Responsively

⁵For God alone I | wait in silence;
truly, my hope | is in God.

⁶God alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.

⁷In God is my deliverance | and my honor;
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

⁸Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge. R

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate can- | not be
trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.

¹¹God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,
that power be- | longs to God.

¹²Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord,
for you repay all according | to their deeds. R

Children's Song

"I Will Make You Fishers of Men"

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Children's Moment

Angie Buchli

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Pastor Chris Sesvold

Hymn of the Day

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Offering

Bethany Text Giving Available: 715-303-3484

Offering Hymn

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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Requested by Kathy Lehman

Offering Prayer

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Song

"Meditation in D minor"

Lainie Tomesh

Prayer after Communion

We Are Sent

Announcements / Blessing

Sending Hymn

"We Are Marching in the Light"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

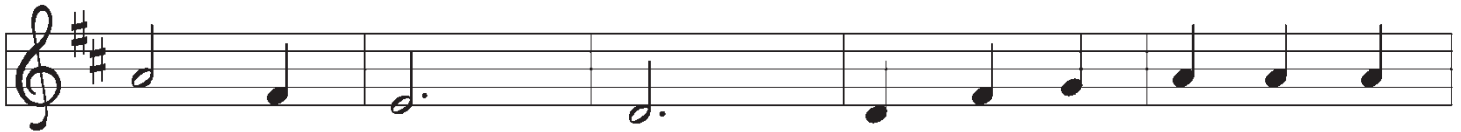
Postlude

Gathering Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

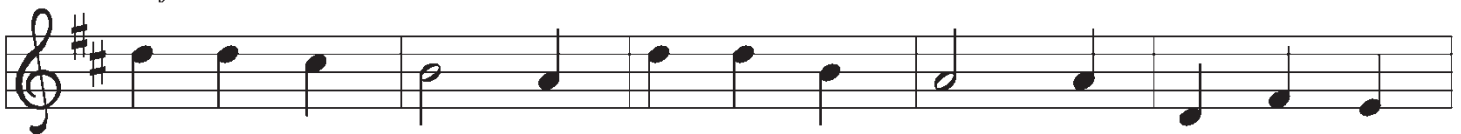


fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Children's Song

Fishers of Men

I will make you fishers of men, fishers of men, fishers of men,
I will make you fishers of men if you follow Me.
If you follow Me, if you follow Me,
I will make you fishers of men if you follow Me.

Gospel Acclamation

ALLELUIA

Larry Olson

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.

Those who fol - low me will not walk in dark - ness.

Those who fol - low me will have the light of life.

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Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

Refrain

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
99 10 10 3 3 and refrain

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Sending Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light of God



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...
We are praying ...
We are singing ...

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The Bethany WeekAhead • January 24 - 30, 2021

Sunday
24 8:00 AM Worship/Streamed Online & Radio
9:30 AM Budget Forum/Zoom
Sunday School Lessons Available Online

Monday
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Tuesday
26 9:00 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom
12:00 PM Lunch Box/Parking Lot

Wednesday
27 5:00 PM Here We Stand/Zoom

Thursday
28 7:00 PM AA/3F

Friday
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Saturday
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Main Level: CR-Conference Room GR-Gathering Room LI-Library NA-Narthex SA-Sanctuary NS-Nursery
Lower Level: LL-Luther Lecture FH-Fellowship Hall QR-Quilting Room YR-Youth Room *Upper Level:* 3F-3rd Floor

Bethany Text Giving Available: 715-303-3484

A Moment for Stewardship: Thank you for the financial gifts you shared this year and the pledges you have submitted for 2021. Your generosity supports the multiple ministries of Bethany. If you have not returned your pledge for 2021, please do so at your earliest convenience. You may direct any questions to Dawn Paul, Business Director, at 715-296-2817.

Pledge Information as of January 5, 2021

Pledge Commitments Received for 2021: *General* - \$451,291 *Building* - \$62,270

We have received pledges from 190 families.

Last year at this time, we had received pledges from 200 families: *General* - \$497,148 *Building* - \$58,922

Thank you for your participation in & support of the life & mission of Bethany Lutheran!

If you have not returned your 2021 pledge card, please do so at your earliest convenience.

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Pastor Luci Sesvold *Cell:* 715-225-0979

Upcoming Worship Opportunities: Join us for worship on Sundays at 8:00 a.m.! Sunday worship is livestreamed on Bethany's website and Facebook page as well as broadcast live on WJMC FM96.1 & AM1240. The next Wednesday worship will be for Ash Wednesday on February 17, 2021.

Practice Zoom (Tutorial): Would you like to practice with Zoom before the annual meeting? Contact Carol Hakala and she can help you practice with Zoom with one-on-one tutoring. Want to just practice signing in? Join the Budget Forum on Sunday morning. Stay to be included in the discussion or just stop by to say "Hi!" The Zoom link is included in the Bethany 411! email. Sometime between now and the annual meeting, would you and/or others like to try a test run with Zoom to make sure you can get in? Let us know and we'll set it up.

Any questions or concerns about Zoom? Contact the church office, Carol Hakala at 715-450-4031, Sara Scheu at 715-651-8906 or Bill Evans at 715-600-3481.

Budget Forum: If you have questions about the 2021 proposed budget, please attend the budget forum on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. The Zoom information is in the Bethany 411! email. You can join via the Zoom app or telephone. Hardcopies of the 2020 Annual Report are available in the bin outside the church door and the document is on the website.

Annual Meeting: Bethany's Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. You can join via the Zoom app or telephone. The Zoom information is in the Bethany 411! email. If neither of these options works for you, please contact the office for more information on alternative attendance options. Hardcopies of the 2020 Annual Report are available in the bin outside the church door and the document is on the website.

If you have questions about the Annual Meeting process or contents, please contact Bill Evans, Council President. Rev. Erin Nelson from the NWSWI will be moderating and helping with Zoom.

Will you help with a Welcome Video? Couples, singles, families or group of friends, of all ages, are wanted to record a Welcome Video that will be played at the beginning of worship. It's so easy, just sign up for a date, then Amy Brekke will contact you, send you the script and arrange a time to come to your home to record. It's a really fun way to contribute to worship! Signups can also be found on the Bethany website under the Signups tab.

Will you help read in worship? We are in need of persons who enjoy reading out loud to read the Sunday lessons. These will be recorded, then added to our Sunday worship service. Just sign up for a date, Leah Hullinger will send you the reading(s) and Amy Brekke will contact you to arrange

a time to record in the Sanctuary or provide instructions on how to record at your home. Signups can also be found on the Bethany website under the Signups tab.

Follow Along with Worship: The Sunday 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.

Do you have a favorite hymn you would like us to sing during worship? Amy is seeking hymn requests to be sung during our offering time. They can be in honor of, or in memory of, at your request. If you have a special hymn, please sign up online or contact Amy Brekke at brekke.amy@gmail.com or 715-651-6991.

Special Music: Amy is always looking for more people to be involved in Bethany's Music Ministry. If you are interested in providing special music or have ideas you would like to share, please contact Amy Brekke at brekke.amy@gmail.com or 715-651-6991.

COVID-19 Update: We remain in Phase 1 of the safer at home for safely returning to worship. Numbers have shown improvement, but are still not where we need them to be. We would like to see cases at less than 10/100,000, and test positivity rate at less than 5%. We are presently at 30-50 cases/100,000 and test positivity of 11% in Barron County as of January 20.

Stay safe, stay healthy, wash hands, use your masks and get immunized when it is available. Oh, and be creative in your faith! If you have questions, contact Pam Crouse, chair, at pamelacrouse@hotmail.com.

For the latest information from the Safely Regathering Task Force, please visit Bethany's COVID-19 Updates page. On the page you will find the bi-weekly update video, information about which phase of regathering Bethany is in and resource links for more information.

Did you know, the top three areas for additional Bethany efforts as stated in the CAT survey are: 1) Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church. 2) Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church. 3) Develop ministries that work toward healing those broken by life circumstances.

Sunday School Lessons are available online: Even though we are not meeting in person at the moment, you can still participate in Sunday School! The lessons are posted on Bethany's website under the At-Home Resources page. The page is password protected, due to copyright, so please see the email from Angie Buchli for the password. If you did not receive the email and password, please contact Angie at abuchli@bethanyricelake.org.

Biographies of Introduction

for the Slate of Candidates Nominated to Bethany Lutheran Church Council for the Year of 2021

Dear Bethany Members,

Please take note of the highly qualified members who have volunteered for these positions. Nominations from the floor will also be taken at the Annual Meeting.

Thank you for your consideration,
Church Council Nominating Committee

Voting for these candidates will take place at the

Annual Meeting of Bethany Lutheran Church

January 31, 2021 • 9:30 a.m. • Zoom

All members are encouraged to attend!

Candidates seeking FIRST (three-year) term of office:

Wanda Bock: My husband, Mike, and I have lived in Rice Lake for 32 years. Mike's job at Dairy State Bank brought us here from Eau Claire. We live north of Rice Lake on Red Cedar Lake. We have two grown children. Our son, Derek, and his wife live in Owatonna, Minnesota. Our daughter, Kayla, and husband, Josh, have three children and reside in Eau Claire.

We joined Bethany shortly after moving to Rice Lake and have been active members. Mike and I both serve as worship service greeters, ushers and communion assistants. I am a member of the Vesper Bells and Mike plays guitar as part of the praise bands. Music and the wonderful opportunities for our children's faith formation are what drew us to Bethany.

My work/career experience included over 35 years in the medical field as a medical laboratory technician. I retired just over a year ago and am enjoying my free time! I love having more time to spend with our grandkids. My hobbies include walking, reading, quilting, gardening and spending time on the water!

Dave Myre: Brenda and I moved to Rice Lake in 1973 right after our marriage. The first people we met introduced us to Bethany shortly after, and we have been enjoying the members of this congregation, the fellowship and the worship services here since.

We have brought up four children in this wonderful place of worship. Jake & Laura live in Rice Lake, Michael & Gretchen in La Crosse, Adam & Kelley in Minnetonka and daughter Kerri & Andy live in Apple Valley. They have blessed us with twelve grandchildren.

I have served on the Property Committee for about 12 years and have chaired it for around three years. I also help when I can with church projects. My retirement activities are woodworking, skiing, cooking, being social and traveling to see as much of God's creation as possible. I look forward to serving on our Council.

Deberra Slagstad: I grew up in the Rice Lake area, a graduate of Rice Lake High School. I went to Luther College and received a BA degree in K-12 Music Education. I married my husband, Tony in 1976 and moved to Barron, where we make our home. My professional life has been varied through the years with service in education as a music teacher, guidance counselor, principal and community & education coordinator. I finished my working

life as a business manager for a title company and a manufacturing business.

My husband and I joined Bethany in November 2017. We love this congregation and have come to cherish the rich heritage of Bethany as a strong community leader and partner in faith throughout the Rice Lake area. I currently am a member of the Worship & Music committee, the Bethany Belles, Bethany Choir and Altar Guild. I have served as an Assistant Minister and worship song leader. It was a joy this past Christmas season to help with the Christmas Dinner Boxes – a loving and helpful community outreach project that served 150 families.

I have been an active church member all of my life, as a member, and later director, of children's and senior church choirs; Sunday School teacher; worship and music director and parish secretary. I have found that God's calling to serve is sometimes a quiet whisper that nudges at the heart and other times is a loud 'let's do this' filled with energy and urgency.

Biography of Introduction

for the Candidate Nominated to Bethany Lutheran Church Trust Fund for the Year of 2021

Candidate seeking FIRST (three-year) term of office:

Chick Feather: My wife, Cheryl, and I moved to Rice Lake in 2012, which was just to be a short, two-year stop. After being introduced to the city, Bethany, the Rotary and Elks Club, we were sold on staying here. We have had opportunities to live in some large cities, none of which come even close to matching the warmth of Rice Lake.

We have three sons, two in Eau Claire and one in San Diego, and two granddaughters, one in Eau Claire and one in Minneapolis.

Cheryl serves Bethany as one of the quilting gals and I served on the Church Council for three years and in 2019, as Council President. We both are committed to service and to following our Lord, wherever we can serve him and Bethany best. I look forward to representing our congregation as a Trust Fund member.

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Live Radio Broadcast: Sundays 8:00 a.m.

WJMC 96.1 FM & 1240 AM

Worship: Sundays 8:00 a.m.

Live Streaming: Sundays 8:00 a.m. on Bethany's website and Facebook page

Cable Broadcast: Channels 992 (Charter) & 993 (Mosaic)
Sundays 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM; Thursdays 7:00 PM

Prayer Ministry

New Prayers for Members: Heidi Jacobs

Ongoing Prayers for Members: Sandie Anderson • Red Axtell • Jaquan Bever • Laif Bever • Irene Christianson • Bonnie Dahl • Ron Debner • Jonathan Fritz • Jim Hagen • Kevin Jacobson • Doug Karis • Carolyn Kochel • Dave Lhotka • Alyssa McCullough • Dick Moe • Regina Mueller • Randy Read • Shirley Stokes • Virginia Tronstad • Ray Vaughn

New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:

Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Bob Carter • Chuck Dahl • Mary Glaubitz • John Jaros • Clara Kern • Paul Klancher • Pr. Chad Kohlmeyer & Family • Bob & Marianne Koser • Charlie Lawton • Mark Loehlein • Gloria Mattakat • Colin McCann • Bruce Olson • Kaye Olson • Nolan Passint • Mary Simma • Holly Thompson • Kelly White (Anderson) • Paul Wilker

Active Military Duty: Tanner Ely • Samuel Krebs • Alex Kusilek • Jonathan Marsh • Ethan Nieman • Alain Pierre • Jason Randall • Abby Ring

You may make requests for the Prayer Ministry by calling the church office at 715-234-9028. You can also email 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 • Dick Moe • Lois Nefstead • Randy Read • Nadyne Reiten • Janie Riggs • Jaci Willhite

Congregational Leaders & Staff

Ministers: All Members • **Ministry Team:** Peter Muschinske, *Interim Pastor*; Luci Sesvold, *Associate Pastor* • **Director of Education, Youth & Congregational Ministries:** Angie Buchli • **Director of Business:** Dawn Paul • **Communications & Publications Specialist:** Leah Hullinger • **Cleaner:** Amanda Baker •

Council President: Bill Evans • **Council Members:** Mal Bailey, Paul Baribeau, Tami Bowman, Pam Crouse, Andy Denison, Mike Diercks, Rachel Engel, Alexa Giddings, Mike Husak, Jennifer Nelson, Ed Skaw, Brad Wiedmann