



Bethany Life

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Our 70th Anniversary!

Our Anniversary Celebration of September 7th is a glittering memory now. The catered luncheon was delicious and we had wonderful “fellowship” (the Lutheran word for FUN!). But certainly the highlight of the day was the worship service featuring the sermon by New England District President Tim Yeadon; the Anniversary Prayer of the Church with President Sue Johnson, Lay Ministry Chair Kevin McCarthy, and Christian Education Chair Mark Litke; the wonderful music of the Bethany Choir under the direction of Jeff Howey and the music of our organist Benita Rose.



**Church
ANNIVERSARY**

Many, many thanks to everyone who attended and took part in the events of the day. Trying to list all those who worked behind the scenes to make the day is a fool's errand. Too many names would be left out, but thanks everybody!

As we reflect on this Red Letter Day in Bethany's history, we always have to lift our eyes to the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth, who has sent Jesus to make us His "forever people." All praise to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; Amen!

—Pastor Krieger



Calling All Bethany Musicians!

Singing in the choir and playing with the orchestra are wonderful ways to spread God's word through music. Please consider lending us your time and talent!



True Heroes

We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, "It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem." Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes.

—Fred Rodgers



Sunday School News

Welcome back to another Son-filled year of Sunday School at Bethany! Fall is an exciting time for us. We are reuniting with friends, hearing familiar Bible stories, and remembering God's tremendous love for each of us!

Our mission projects this year will give the Sunday School children an opportunity to share that special love with others. Through our offerings, we will support two unique outreach programs:

Fall/Winter Mission: "OGT—Hygiene Kits"

For the first half of our year, we will collect items for Hygiene Kits. The kits, once complete, will be distributed to those in need by the Orphan Grain Train, New England. Children are encouraged to donate at least one of the following items each Sunday:

- * Bath Towel
- * Toothbrush (adult)
- * Wash Cloth
- * Deodorant
- * Bar of Soap (full-size)
- * Band-Aids
- * Sturdy Comb

Spring/Summer Mission: "W.A.S.H."

W.A.S.H., a World Vision program, provides clean water to children around the world. For just \$2.50, we can provide one child clean water—for drinking, sanitation, and hygiene purposes—for an entire school year! Our Springtime goal will be to raise \$100 which will support 40 children (which, incidentally, is our Sunday School/Confirmation enrollment this year).

Your continued support and prayers throughout the year are always welcome. Please feel free to join us in the undercroft any Sunday morning at 8:45 for Opening Chapel—we'd love to teach you one of our favorite songs!

In Christ, *Andrea Vest*, Superintendent

The Nineteen Forties

Last month I wrote about 1944, the year Bethany was founded, and listed some of the events and names in the news during that year. It was a well-received column, so I thought I'd cover each of the decades in Bethany's existence. This month we'll take a look at the rest of the 1940s following 1944, and I plan to cover each of the decades in subsequent issues.

In 1945 the last of the 1,050 German V-2 rockets fell on London. FDR died and was succeeded by Harry Truman. The United Nations Charter was signed June 26. Mussolini was killed by Italian partisans, and Hitler committed suicide April 30. VE Day celebrated the end of the war in Europe on May 8 and Germany was divided into four zones. The first atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima August 6 and Nagasaki August 9. Japan surrendered and WWII ended August 14. War dead estimate: 60 million—2.5% of the world's population, the deadliest conflict in human history—plus 10 million at Nazi concentration camps. General George Patton died in a car accident. George Orwell published *Animal Farm*, Evelyn Waugh *Brideshead Revisited*, and James Thurber *The Thurber Carnival*. Frank Lloyd Wright unveiled his design for the Guggenheim Museum. Bela Bartok died (did you practice any of his piano exercises?), and *Carousel* debuted on Broadway. The Nobel Prize for the discovery of penicillin went to

Fleming, Florey, and Chain. Rocky Graziano was Boxer of the Year, and the Empire State Building was struck by a B-25 bomber.

In 1946 Churchill gave his “Iron Curtain” speech, De Gaulle resigned his Presidency, and Truman created the Atomic Energy Commission. At the Nuremberg Trials Ribbentrop, Goering, and 10 other Nazis were sentenced to death; Hess and Funk got life, and Goering committed suicide on the eve of his execution. Eugene O’Neill wrote *The Iceman Cometh* and Benjamin Spock wrote *Baby and Child Care*. Gertrude Stein, Booth Tarkington, W.C. Fields, and Damon Runyon died. William Wyler directed *The Best Years of Our Lives*, David Lean *Great Expectations*, and Hitchcock *Notorious*. Irving Berlin’s *Annie Get Your Gun* was produced in New York, and so was Lerner and Loewe’s *Brigadoon*. Popular songs were *Come Rain or Come Shine*, *Zip-a-dee-doo-dah*, and *How Are Things in Gloccamorra?* R.E. Byrd began his expedition to the South Pole and the US Navy began its atomic tests at Bikini Atoll. Joe Louis defended his world heavyweight title for the 23rd time. World population (in millions): China 455; India 311; USSR 194; US 140; Japan 73; West Germany 48; Italy 47; Britain 46; Brazil 45; France 40. Alabama beat USC 34-14 in the Rose Bowl, and St. Louis defeated Boston 4-3 in the World Series.

1947 saw the publication of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, Tennessee Williams’ *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and Mickey Spillane’s *I, the Jury*. The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in Wadi Qumran. *Gentlemen’s Agreement* won for Best Picture. Maria Callas made

her debut in *Gioconda* at Verona, and Pablo Casals vowed not to perform in public as long as Franco was in power. A US airplane first flew at supersonic speeds, Thor Heyerdahl and his crew sailed a raft from Peru to Polynesia in 101 days, and Bell Laboratories scientists invented the transistor. Jackie Robinson became the first Black to sign a contract with a major baseball team. A blizzard dumped 27" of snow on NYC on December 17. Fiorello La Guardia died; Henry Ford died, leaving a fortune of \$625 million; and Al Capone died, leaving the world a better place for his departure.

1948. Gandhi was assassinated, Congress passed the Marshall Plan, and the Jewish state came into existence. Graham Greene published *The Heart of the Matter*, Norman Mailer *The Naked and the Dead*, James A. Michener *Tales of the South Pacific* (Pulitzer Prize), Alan Payton *Cry, the Beloved Country*, and Thomas Merton *The Seven Storey Mountain*. Films that year were *Hamlet* (the Oscar went to Laurence Olivier), *The Bicycle Thief*, *Oliver Twist* (David Lean), and *Macbeth* (Orson Welles). General John Pershing, Charles Evans Hughes, D.W. Griffith, Ruth Benedict, and Babe Ruth died. Joe Louis retired from the ring after fighting 25 title bouts since 1937, Cleveland won the World Series 4-2 over Boston, "Citation" won the Triple Crown (fourth Kentucky Derby win for Eddie Arcaro), and Michigan (Go Blue!) defeated USC 49-0 (Go Blue!) in the Rose Bowl (Go Blue!).

In 1949, Vietnam was established as a state, the Apartheid program was instigated in South Africa,

the Berlin Airlift ended after 277,264 flights, Nehru became Prime Minister of India, and 11 US Communists were found guilty of conspiracy to overthrow the government. George Orwell wrote *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, T.S. Eliot *The Cocktail Party*, Arthur Miller *Death of a Salesman* (Pulitzer Prize), and Eleanor Roosevelt *This I Remember*. Popular songs were *So in Love*, *Riders in the Sky*, *Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend*, and *Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer*. "South Pacific" took Broadway by storm, so *Bali Hai*, *Some Enchanted Evening*, and *I'm in Love with a Wonderful Guy* were, too. New York (AL) beat Brooklyn (NL) 4-1 in the World Series. Composer Richard Strauss died.

Through it all, God was in control, He expanded His kingdom, and He blessed His people.

Pastor Keregan



All Saints' Day

Remembering all those who have gone before us, we celebrate All Saints' Day November 1st & 2nd.

If you have a photograph of a loved one you'd like to hang in the sanctuary for the service, so that we are surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1), please bring it to church with you.

Youth Group!

We hope to see all of you on Sunday mornings at 8:45 as we start the new year.

Our theme is "What are you building Life on?"

We hope you will join us to talk about our faith as we walk through the Bible with videos and discussion.

Catch up with us in the Youth Group room downstairs. We will see you soon!



**Senior members of our congregation,
please mark your calendars!**

November 23rd after the Sunday Service the youth group will provide a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner (with leftovers to take home!) Come give thanks with us as we share some great food and conversation.



Calling all Worship Volunteers!

The November and December volunteer calendars are online and ready to go—simply follow these easy instructions to sign up:

- 1. Use this link* to go to our page on VolunteerSpot:**

<http://vols.pt/15w9oh>

- 2. Enter your email address**
- 3. Sign up! Choose your spots—VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation & I will send a reminder later.**

VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to sign up online, you may contact me and I can sign you up manually. Alternately, a hard copy of the calendar will be posted to the bulletin board in the narthex—feel free to stop by and sign up there as well.

The deadline to sign up for November & December is Monday, October 20.

Thank you!
Andrea Vest, CC

*The link is also available on our website, www.blcwh.org, on the “Serve with us” page—check it out!

Officially, Pastor Appreciation Sunday is October 12th, but we give thanks daily for the encouragement, dedication and leadership that Pastor Krieger provides to our congregation.



Sunday, November 2nd,
Daylight Saving Time ends
and we fall back. Don't
forget to set your clocks!

Petals for Pedals!

Richard and Rosemary Brancifort
of House of Flora have given
Bethany a tremendous gift!
Until December 1st, all donations
for flowers will go directly
to the new organ!

Please call the church office
or sign up in the narthex if you would
like to donate flowers
in honor or in celebration of the life
of a loved one...or simply to brighten
up the sanctuary!

Christian Care News



Bethany's Food Drive benefitting the West Hartford Food Pantry continues through October 5th. We have keyed in on four specific items: peanut butter, tuna, breakfast cereal, and soup or chili.

Cans of soup or chili are the designated item for the weekend of October 4-5, but we'll certainly accept other items if you wish to donate them! Thank you for caring for our West Hartford neighbors.

Our friends at **A Hand Up** will have a drop-off day at their warehouse at 635 New Park Rd. in West Hartford on Sunday, October 12th from 10 AM to 1 PM. They are in need of kitchen tables & chairs, small appliances, dishes, utensils, pots & pans, coffee tables, end tables and living room sofas & chairs. If you are cleaning out and can donate any of these items, please bring them to the warehouse or call **A Hand Up** at 860-424-2980.



On October 18 & 19 we will begin our annual partnership with Foodshare, joining in their pre-Thanksgiving Turkey and 30 program. Watch the bulletins for more information regarding this promotion!

**Bethany Lutheran Nursery School:
A GREAT Place to Grow!**

What a great start to the new school year! All of our children came with smiling faces and willing hearts to learn, laugh and play. We teachers here at Bethany are truly blessed with remarkable children!

October will bring units on autumn and Halloween. We will explore God's beautiful world through colors, scents and feel! Halloween is always a fun time around here.



It is also a time to teach the children about safety, especially stranger safety and fire safety. The focus will be on the color orange with pumpkins galore. The West Hartford Firefighters will be visiting our MWF along with Miss Candy for the TTH class from the library. We are also blessed to have Amy Litke pop in from time to time to share some of her favorite stories. Mrs. Vest will be continuing her Chapel Time starting with MWF class and soon to be followed with the TTH class.

November will start with a unit on Vegetables! We will gather our harvest and learn new things about all kinds of vegetables, even the ones the children do not particularly like. The book Stone Soup will be taught as we gather our cans of soup for Food Share. The color brown will be our focus with many turkey crafts! Also, what would November be without Thanksgiving? It is a time to really teach the children why we say our table prayers each day

before snack, how fortunate we are to have such great families and how each child is a unique blessing from God.



Our three-year-olds will still be learning and adjusting to their first experience in school. It is a time to learn sharing, caring and just enjoying being three! Our four and five year olds are continuing their school experience with many new adventures to start getting them ready for Kindergarten. Some of them are coming to school all five days, a continuation of the new program we started a few years back here at Bethany. By the end of November all of our four and five year olds will be up to the letter "L" in their ABC Book and will be counting up to 30! Wow!

Please note that registration for Bethany Members has begun for the 2015-2016 school year! Yes! Already! Registration is tight every year, so don't miss out! Registration for is open now for Bethany Members ONLY! Please call Mari Mikulastik at 521-8782 if you are interested in having your child attend our nursery school. Priority registration for church members will only be open until October 31, 2014.

preschool registration



Blessings!
Mari Mikulastik, Director



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

October

Linda Castiglione	10/01
Brynn Leslie	10/01
Edith Schirmer	10/04
Aimee Di Pietro	10/06
Erik Castiglione	10/07
Andrew Howard	10/10
John Rosenthal	10/10
Kristina Presing	10/10
Luke Roux	10/15
Margaret Duff	10/15
Mason Harvey	10/16
Elisa McClear	10/16
Maureen Ney	10/19
Savanah Therriault	10/22
Alvina Roux	10/24
Andrew Gilbert	10/24
Stephan Perrault	10/29

November

Ed Roux	11/01
Henry Schadler	11/01
Jennifer Coan	11/01
Timothy Baumer	11/02
Richard Landers	11/03
Jennifer McAdam	11/05
Erin Massey	11/05
Sydney Thomas	11/06

Tom Taylor	11/08
Addi Leitzke	11/08
Martha Bilo	11/09
Paul Munson	11/09
Mark Hoelzer	11/09
Dorothy Menzel	11/10
Dakota Hawes	11/12
Emma Peters	11/13
Dakota Pelletier	11/13
George D'Addario	11/14
Britta Mortensen	11/14
Kaylee D'Amato	11/14
Jeanette Tyrrell	11/18
Jordan Holley	11/19
Andrea Vest	11/20
Becky Phelan	11/20
Rachel Massey	11/20
Allison Sadowski	11/21
Heather Lyhne	11/23
Matthew Lyhne	11/23
Lori Littmann	11/26
Quillian Taylor	11/27
George Ruhe	11/29
Nancy Mocabee	11/29

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The Church Calendar

Recurring Events

Worship Services: Saturdays at 5 pm; Sundays at 10 am

Christian Education Classes: Sundays at 8:45 am

Dorcas Society meetings: Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Book of Concord Class: Wednesdays at 9:00 am

Adult Bible Study: Wednesdays at 9:45 am

Chancel Choir rehearsals: Wednesdays at 7 pm

OCTOBER

Mon. Oct. 13	Columbus Day—office is closed
Thurs. Oct. 16	Prayer Shawl ministry
Tues. Oct. 21	Parish Planning council
Sun. Oct. 26	Reformation Sunday and Organ Recital
Tues. Oct. 28	Lay Ministry meeting

NOVEMBER

Sun. Nov. 2	All Saints' Day
Sun. Nov. 9	Veterans' Day service
Mon. Nov. 10	Veterans' Day—office closed
Sun. Nov. 23	Seniors Thanksgiving dinner
Thurs. Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day





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Worship Schedule

Regular Schedule: Saturdays/5PM; Sundays/10AM

Summer Schedule:

Wednesdays at 7PM; Sundays at 10:00 AM

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