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*Our Mission:
To equip people
to be fully
devoted to Jesus
Christ through
relevant and
practical
ministries.*

St. Bridget Pantry
donations
1st Sunday of
every month

Mission of the
Month for June



See Kathy
Metcalf to
Volunteer

As Summer begins at Bethany, we wanted to remind each of you of the importance of your continued support and assistance as the PNC continues its search for our next pastor. If you can help in any of the areas below, please call and offer. Don't wait to be asked. Your help is always appreciated.

- Sunday Greeters – A Sign-Up Sheet is available on the Information Desk and dates will be assigned by the Deacons (We need you, please sign up!)
- Seasonal Flowers – Deacon Responsibility – If you have a special occasion floral display to donate please call Cheryl Eickman (815-540-7076).
- Weekly Worship Bulletins: Coordinated by Marlys Marsh and Tim Krug (If you have something for the Sunday Bulletin, please email Marlys at mar4806@comcast.net).
- Monthly Beacon Newsletter – Coordinated by Lori Mitchell (Please email articles to Lori at momm316@yahoo.com) by the last week of each month.
- Incoming mail is collected and distributed by Tom Smith and Marlys Marsh
- Answering Machine is utilized for incoming phone calls. Lori Mitchell checks the answering machine both morning and evening and forwards any requests. However, if you have an emergency, please call Lori Mitchell at 815-494-2753 or Tom Smith at 815-988-9056.
- Visitors: Currently there are few visitors per week. There are signs posted on the door to call the office (815-877-8001) for an appointment should it be necessary. There are Session Members available to respond to these requests.
- Website: Is maintained by Tami Munger. -- Facebook: Is maintained by Lori Mitchell with assistance from Chris Franklin.
- Calendar: Is maintained by Tami and Marlys
- Personnel: Tom Smith and Dan Bock are Chairmen of Personnel.
- Grounds: Donovan Wood and Jay DuFoe coordinate any needs.
- Financials: Debbie DuFoe is the Church Treasurer and Deb Smith is the Recorder.
- VBS: Chris Franklin is coordinating. Call her at 815-742-4842 to volunteer or to donate items.

Bethany is so blessed by all the volunteers who continue to represent God through their love and commitment. We especially want to thank Tim Krug and Pastor Joe for their dedication and the awesomeness with which they bring Bethany's ministry to our Bethany family as well as the entire community.

Because of our love for the Lord we serve! Lori, Tom, Dan, Tami, Jay, Gayle, Marlys, Jerry and LaVerne.



MISSION OF THE MONTH

St. Bridget serves Loves Park and Machesney Park for those who are in need of help to feed their families. With summer almost here, children will not have school lunches to sustain them during the day and families will depend even more heavily on their help. The Missions and Outreach Committee asks each of us to contribute monetarily with our Mission giving and also to donate non-perishable foods during the first two Sundays in June to benefit the St. Bridget Pantry. Containers are available in the Narthex and the Education Wing Entry for your donations. Let's share with glad and generous hearts, knowing that we are doing just as the Lord would have us do for the needy.

A "contemporary thing"

"A contemporary thing" is pleased to announce that "Fire @ 4th and State" will be providing a return engagement on June 14th at 5pm here at Bethany.

If you will recall, "Fire" is a praise and worship band from Pekin, IL. These friends of the Bethany Youth Group met during a previous Mission Trip. When they heard that Bethany was having a contemporary service, they volunteered to host the event in August, 2014.

Bethany is very excited to share our love for the Lord with them during this return performance!



Ginny Falnes would like to express her thankfulness to her Bethany Family for your concern, your cards and prayers for her complete recovery. She is home now, but not accepting visitors at this time. Cards are greatly appreciated. Thank you from Ginny!

We continue to pray for Bruce Wyatt as he receives treatment for cancer. He appreciates your prayers for strength and recovery!

We would like to give our deepest thanks and gratitude for the many prayers, cards, and words of encouragement our family received during our Uncle Brian Krug's illness and passing. Thank you - it means and helps so very much." -- The Krugs

PAPER ANGEL CLOSET

Paper Angel Closet served four families in April with necessity items and prayer. Items most needed are bleach, household cleaning items, dish soap, dryer sheets, shampoo, band aids, paper towels, maxi-pads, tampons and your prayers for those less fortunate. God bless your continued support and donations.

Thank you Deacons for performing this necessary reach-out ministry at Bethany Church.



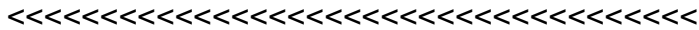
KIDS KORNER - June

A Great Father's Day Story

In June we celebrate "Father's Day".

God created a wonderful animal father when He created the Giant Water Bug.

The mother giant water bug lays about 100 eggs on the father giant water bug's back. Then she puts a sticky substance over them so that they will stick to their father's back. After two weeks the baby nymphs' hatch out of the eggs. They still hang on to the father for a while. Isn't God's creation, wonderful?



Bible Expression

You have heard the expression "Head and shoulders above anyone else."

This expression is found in the Bible.

I Samuel 9:2 reads: "And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and handsome: and there was not among the children of Israel a more handsome person than he; from his shoulders and upward, he was (head and shoulders) taller than any of the people."

Bulletin Bloopers

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Granny Church Mouse sez: Since God created the whole earth, He holds the title deed to the whole earth.



"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" was written by Dr. Edward Hopper in 1871.

Dr. Hopper was a Pastor of the Church of the Sea and Land, in New York Harbor.

Before a large ship can enter the port it must stop just outside of the harbor entrance. A little boat will then draw up along its side. Out of it climbs a man who is the local harbor pilot. He must come aboard the large ship to guide it safely into the dock. Bringing a huge vessel through a crowded harbor is no easy job. It takes skill and requires knowledge of every channel, sand bar and other obstacles which could endanger the ship.

Dr. Hopper wanted his congregation of sailors to understand that on their voyage through life, they must stop to pick up the trustworthy Divine Pilot, "Jesus, Savior", to bring them safely to the "port of Heaven."

Christ lived on earth and faced all the trials we will ever have to face. He knows all about the dangers lurking around us. We will be forever lost and drifting if we do not stop to invite Christ on board our life's vessel, and ask Him to guide us safely "Over life's tempestuous sea."



Note:

The provider of this article noted that her father and his family were all fishermen in the North Sea.

Her father accepted Christ as his personal Savior at one of the dock missions for fishermen.



June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	1	2 Session Reports Due 7pm: PNC 7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	3 Weekly Bulletin Deadline 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	4 Session Reports Due 7pm: Al-Anon	5 4:30pm: Julie Badowski	6
7 10:15am: Worship Celebration and Communion Service 11:30am: Fellowship	8 7pm: Session	9 6pm Uriel Circle Cookout at Sherry Zahorick's 7pm: PNC 7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	10 Weekly Bulletin Deadline 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	11 Senior Follies @ RU 2/6:30pm 6pm: Parents Prayer Group 7pm: Al-Anon	12 4:30pm: Julie Badowski	13
14 10:15am: Worship Celebration 11:30am: Fellowship 5:00pm – Fire @ 4 th and State Concert and Service	15	16 7pm: PNC 7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	17 Weekly Bulletin Deadline 12:30pm: Hannah Circle 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	18 9am: BYKOTA Circle 7pm: Al-Anon	19 4:30pm: Julie Badowski Bethany Women Lunch @ Stockholm Inn @ 11am	20 11am Evonne Cullen's Memorial @ Sunset/Lunch at Bethany 1-4pm Celebrate Paul and Ava Brown @ University Club
21 Happy Father's Day 10:15am: Worship Celebration 11:30am: Fellowship	22 Vacation Bible School (VBS) 5:45pm: Paper Angel Closet	23 VBS Beacon Articles Due 7pm: PNC 7pm: AA 7pm: Al-Anon 7pm: Al-Ateen	24 VBS Weekly Bulletin Deadline 3:30pm: Julie Badowski 6pm: Praise Team 7pm: Chancel Choir	25 VBS 7pm: Al-Anon	26 VBS 4:30pm: Julie Badowski	27 BYG Fundraiser @ Park Lanes 6pm
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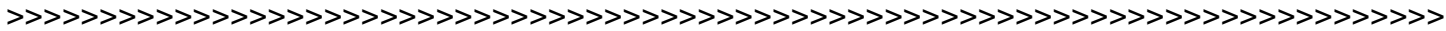
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Mission Of The Month Giving*		
Jan	Bethany Youth Group	\$1050
Feb	Love Inc	\$330
Mar	Pregnancy Care Center	\$455.20
Apr	Rockford Rescue Mission	\$260
May	BYG	\$265
June	St Bridget's Pantry	\$5
July	Christ The Cornerstone	\$20
Aug	Stateline Youth for Christ	\$15
Sept	Rockford Reachout Jail Ministry	
Oct	Rock House Kids	
Nov	Carpenter's Place	
Dec	Baskets of Hope	\$15
<i>*Monies received that are not a mission of Bethany will be given toward the mission of the month in the month they are received.</i>		

Did you know you gave \$268 to the Christmas Shoebox Fund in November, 2014?
 Did you know you gave \$113 on the Christmas card tree at Christmas?
 Did you know you gave the Gideon's a love offering of \$143?
 Did you know you filled those baby bottles with change totaling \$180.20?

Did you know how much our mortgage payment is? The mortgage is paid out of Capital Loan Offering. The payment is \$606.44. Below is a listing of the monies we have been receiving this year to date. Please remember your CI donations that used to be paid through the green envelopes, but can now be listed on your regular giving envelopes as Capital Improvement. Thanks for your continued support.

Capital Loan Offering	
January	\$535
February	\$675
March	\$825
April	\$655
May	\$385



ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Honoring Graduates Who Have Stayed the Course!</u>	<u>Recent Graduates Honored by Christian Education</u>
<p>Deborah Mackey, Rock Valley College, Nursing Mark Lyon, Univ. of IL @ Chicago, Physics Jodi Stromberg, Rockford Univ. Bus. Mgmt. Joshua Wood, Northern IL Univ., Finance</p>	<p>Bryson Bailey, Harlem High School Kailor Hecox, Harlem High School Alyrica Hecox, Taylor University Sterling Hecox, Brown University</p>

EVONNE E. CULLEN

November 1, 1920 – December 25, 2014

Evonne E. Cullen, 85, Superior resident, died Thursday, December 25, 2014 at St. Luke's Hospital on the Hospice Unit in Duluth, MN. She was born in Albany, WI on November 1, 1929 to William V. and Jessie (Cole) Whipple.

Evonne was a cook for Parkside Daycare Center for twenty years.

She was a long-time member of Bethany Presbyterian Church in Loves Park, IL where her active years were spent serving as a Deacon, and circle member. In her younger years she was very active with the Girl Scouts and Job's Daughters. She enjoyed spending time with her children, cooking, sewing and crocheting.



Evonne is survived by four daughters, Pamella (Raul Romo) Converse, Tucson, AZ, Vicki (William) Mullens, Superior, WI, Judith (James) Rousonelos, DeKalb, IL and Sharon (Daniel Garza) Bucholtz, Lindenhurst, IL, and; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; one sister, Nancy Friedrichs and one brother, Arthur (Letha) Whipple, both of Monroe, WI and multiple nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Harold Cullen and her parents.

BETHANY BEACON NEWS:

Evonne was a former Deacon and a member of Uriel Circle. She was loved by all her friends and Bethany family and her presence is missed at Bethany. Evonne's memorial service will be held at Sunset with Pastor Joe officiating on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. with graveside services to follow. Bethany's Deacons are pleased to host a luncheon in Fellowship Hall following the internment. The congregation is invited to attend.

Lori Mitchell remembers lots of exciting times when their children were growing up and attending Bethany's Youth Activities. One particular time that stands out was a retreat to Green Lake with lots of praise and worship and crazy fun. In her most recent years in Loves Park, Evonne was very active with the Uriel Circle and enjoyed spending time with her friends in Bible Study. Her friendship with Ollie Bressler was a cherished time in her later years and Lori Mitchell remembers many lunch hours spent with Evonne in conversation. We are so pleased that she is now with our Lord and her loved ones enjoying Heavenly bliss.

TIME TO CELEBRATE!

ANNIVERSARY AND RETIREMENT!

50th

Please Join Us!
June 20, 2015
1-4 PM

The University Club of Rockford
945 N. Main Street

No Gifts Please; Your Presence is Gift Enough!

RSVP to Jodi by June 15 - (815) 742-2962 or readmohr@yahoo.com