

THE BETHANY MESSENGER

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Grace to you and peace, dear Church!

Looking Back. Looking Forward.

I am writing this article on the first anniversary of Pastor Paul's death. I know that for some of you, his death was deeply traumatic, even life changing. Please know I am available to talk if you would like to. Let us remember Pastor Paul with love and trust him to God's gracious care. Also, we continue to pray for his family, friends and all who mourn his death. We pray God's peace for them.

Looking Back. Looking Forward.

I said in my last Messenger article that I thought that October would come quickly. We are halfway there and it is speeding into focus!!! The two major events in September are the excitement of Welcome Sunday and the presentation of the MSP. Welcome Sunday included a delicious potluck lunch (with burgers, hot dogs, brats, and more) and tours of the newly renovated parsonage. The word I heard the most was "WOW." Once more, **THANK YOU to EVERY PERSON** involved in re-creating this wonderful parsonage!

Just as the parsonage "has been and will be" due to the wonderful efforts of many, so the Transition Team's incredible efforts reflect on the past and prepare the church for the future. I was awed watching this team work the details and come to their answers through in-depth collaboration. Bethany Lutheran Church owes the Transition Team a debt of gratitude!

Looking Back. Looking Forward.

In Matthew, Jesus said "And remember, I am with you always, to the close of the age." As we look backward and forward in September, Jesus is part of the whole picture. In fact, the Holy Spirit is leading Bethany into God's future. It's so cool to see God's grace at work, isn't it?

I'm confident we will be seeing God's grace at work as we invite the public to the Blessing of the Animals on October 5 @ 2:00 PM, weather

permitting. I'm also believing we will have a grand two-week adventure in grace as we enjoy the Fall Festival with Pumpkin Sales. Do you remember that on October 11th the truck with the pumpkins will be at church, ready to unload? We need your help! Also, are you clear that on the last two Saturdays of the month, there will be special events happening at the Fall Festival? We still require people to sign up and work, especially the 5-7PM time slots those last two weeks in October.

Finally, please keep on your radar on November 2nd, All Saints Sunday, when we will be dedicating the new Eternal Flame in the sanctuary in memory of Pastor Paul.

Blessings and joy to you this Fall!

Pastor Cheryl

Council Corner Notes:

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!!!

How Exciting! 10/18 – 10/25 A terrific kick-off to fundraising for our Youth Group's trip to Minneapolis. Tell your friends, neighbors, co-workers. Come one, Come all! We still need volunteers for this event. If you can help, touch base with Louann Smith, Megan Ocampo or any council member. Thank you!

Our Welcome Day picnic was a great event and we collected an enormous amount of food! Let's keep this going through the Holidays! Barb Hughes has taken lead and you will see flyers and decorated drop off area for the Holiday Food Basket Program.

We will be resuming 8 am worship services in October - 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Please note services will be "spoken", held in the chapel and offer an additional opportunity for worship.

- Pam Shaw

October

Assisting Minister	5	Liz Friedmann
	12	Liz Friedmann
	19	Mike Balinskas
	26	
Altar Guild: Angel Carlin		
Greeters	5	Norma Zashut
	12	Christine Trousdale
	19	Amy Calvo
	26	Karol Brzozowski
Ushers	5	Norma Zashut, Ann Naughton
	12	Wendy Soneson, Mark Aresco
	19	Amy Calvo, Mark Aresco
	26	Karol Brzozowski, Mark Aresco
Coffee Hour	5	Evelyn Anderson
	12	Greg & Wendy Soneson
	19	Christine Trousdale
	26	Karol Brzozowski

Volunteers

Live Stream/Audio	5	
	12	
	19	
	26	
Slides	5	
	12	
	19	Nancy Balinskas
	26	
Altar Flowers	5	
	12	Sandra Fuoco/Bernier Family
	19	Sandra & Jack Fuoco
	26	Barbara Hughes

Volunteers for November 2nd:

Assisting Minister: Jerry Griscom

Altar Guild: Angel Carlin

Greeters:

Ushers:

Live Stream:

Liturgy Slides:

Altar Flowers:

Coffee Hour: Lynne Peterson

Peace to all,

The **Ministry Site Profile**, used to help determine a candidate for our next pastor, has officially been submitted and approved by our council and New England Synod. The Transition Team would like to thank everyone who has supported this process. We are indeed a blessed congregation!

Over the last 8 months, we have learned much about each other, ourselves, and our community. We are thankful that you put your faith in God

to lead us and your trust in us to follow. We will continue to move through this process and the Transition Team is happy to have served.

Your sisters and brother in Christ,

Danielle O'Linn (chair), Nancy Balinskas, Jon Beatty, Holly Linder Gehring, LouAnn Smith, Wendy Soneson, Norma Zashut



What a lovely time we had on September 18th. Twelve Saints gathered to celebrate our dear friend Howard's 99th birthday. Pastor Wogman led us in devotions and also provided a beautiful ice cream cake for dessert.

We also thank Pastor Cheryl for her good eye and strong arm in getting the ice cream cake onto all of our plates (we are learning of her many talents day by day).

After a good discussion we decided to sponsor a showing of the new film on Bonhoeffer. We will be showing the film during our regular Saints Alive meeting on October 16th and will also be showing it in the evening of the same day so that those who can't make it during the day will have an opportunity to see it as well. AN EXCELLENT FILM and part of our celebration of the Reformation.

Meetings are at 1:30 p.m.
Here is our schedule for the rest of the year:

October 16, 2025	-	Celebration of Reformation (Bonhoeffer Film) to be shown at 1:30AM and also in the evening (time to be announced)
November 20, 2025	-	Thanksgiving Program
December 11, 2025 (One week early)	-	Christmas Decorating & Party

COME AND JOIN US FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!
REMEMBER TO GIVE A SAINT A CALL!

2025 Card Ministry

Thank you to everyone that volunteered to continue this ministry for 2025. We couldn't do it without your help!



January & February — Wendy Soneson
 March — Barbara Sunbury
 April — Karen Sullivan
 May — Linda Carlson
June — Holly Linder
 July — Kelly McTeague
 August — Barb Hughes
 September — Pr. Maureen Hawksley
October, November & December — Diane Rauss

The Little Free Library located by the Preschool entrance belongs to everyone! It offers a way to share good things to read with both children and adults.



Take books. If you see something you would like to read or share with someone you know, take it! There is no need to return it to the Little Free Library.

Give books. If you have new or gently used books that you would like to donate you can either put them directly into the Little Free Library or in the marked box that is located in the coat closet. During the school year we really go through a lot of preschool-age books.



Bethany Lutheran Preschool

where it all begins

Oct. 1	-	Scott Friedmann
	-	Douglas Gagnon
Oct. 2	-	Madison Garcia
	-	Evan Ocampo
Oct. 4	-	Jennifer Lynch
Oct. 5	-	Charlotte Marks
Oct. 10	-	Bev Gerosa
	-	Craig Mroczka
Oct. 14	-	Frank Servidone
Oct. 19	-	Diane Rauss
Oct. 21	-	Ann Naughton
Oct. 22	-	Frank Daniele
	-	Brittany Knopf
Oct. 25	-	Barbara Hughes
Oct. 26	-	Quentin Iozzo
	-	Luke Saponare
Oct. 28	-	John Loesel

Bethany Lutheran Preschool opened its doors for its 60th school year on September 2nd. We welcomed returning and new students to our Bethany Preschool Family. We are excited to get to know all the children. The staff all returned from last year and we have been working as a great team. We have a lot of fun educational activities planned for the year.

Thank you to all the church members who picked an apple from our giving tree and purchased an item for the preschool. We truly appreciate your help!

During the month of September, we got to know the routines of the classrooms, the names of our new friends and we learned new songs. The children in the 4-year-old class got right to work reviewing the letters in their name. The three-year-olds began to trace lines to get used to writing.

We are planning an Alumni night to celebrate our 60th anniversary as a preschool. This will be held on Friday November 14th from 6-8 in the preschool. Come see the school and lots of pictures from days gone by!

October is a busy month for us. We have the fire department and librarian coming and we are preparing for Halloween!

Check out our bulletin board near the small community room to see what we are up to!

Terri Camilleri
Director, Bethany Lutheran Preschool



Nancy & Mike Balinskas, 10/2/1982
Kevin & Elizabeth Johnson, 10/3/1987
Charlotte & Charles Gardinier, 10/4/1958
Amy & Frank Daniele, 10/4/1997
Rev. Joe Ekeberg & Carolyn, 10/4/2014
Karen & Bud Swanson, 10/11/1969

Louise & Joe Courchaine, 10/11/1986
Elizabeth & Chris Galletta, 10/16/2004
Christine & John Trousdale, 10/17/1987
Emily & Ted Roback, 10/18/2018
Ryan & Alexa Griscom, 10/22/2022
Sue & Dan Kopycinski, 10/25/1969

From Calumet!

Check out “**Boom Chicka News**”

- a brand new monthly effort — to be in the know about all kinds of information Calumet Nation will want to know!

Use this link: <https://calumet.org/resources/boomchickanews>

Also, to find out about the facilities, activities and everything else “Calumet”, please use the following link:

<https://www.calumet.org/programs/quickglance>

Calumet Lutheran Ministries * PO Box 236, W. Ossipee, NH 03890 * 603.539.4773

**Thrivent Action Team Good News!**

We have received \$250 to spend on food to help kickstart the October Holiday Food Drive for the Cromwell Food Bank.

In addition, we are in the running to receive a \$500 donation to the Cromwell food bank from our local chapter if we collect 500 items by October 31.

Please refer to the list in the Food Drive announcement for items needed. Thanks in advance for your support.



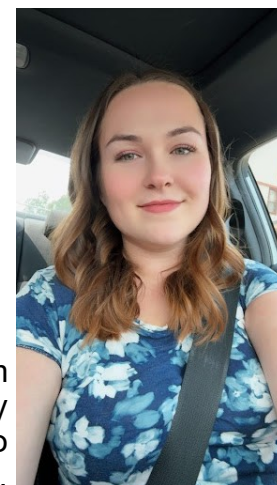
**THRIVENT
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Action Teams



Youth Group will meet on Friday, October 24 from 7-9 pm in the social hall. We will have a pumpkin carving contest as well as play some games and have some snacks.

Please bring money to purchase a pumpkin. (suggested at least \$20) Please RSVP to LouAnn Smith



Hello All !!

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Noelle Keegan and I am the seminarian whom Bethany is sponsoring! In other words, I am currently pursuing my Master's Degree to become a Pastor, and Bethany has agreed to support me in that to the best of our abilities on an emotional, spiritual, practical, and sometimes financial level.

I am currently entering my second semester and starting my first internship! I still have 3.5 more years to go - it is a four year program. I will have to do three internships overall- my first one that I am currently doing is called Ministerial Fieldwork. I have been assigned to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Holyoke, MA, where I will be going at least once a week to follow the Pastor around and learn the ins and outs of a new congregation. Because of this, you will not see me around on Sundays this fall regularly. However, I, along with Danielle O'Linn, are still teaching confirmation class every other week at Bethany and I will be attending dinner church as often as I can!

I am still a member of Bethany Lutheran! I am also getting married at Bethany in two months, so I will be around a lot to plan!

I am writing this because you have a right to understand what is going on with me while you support me and because I love you all and want everyone to know that their support is going towards someone working hard at school.

Blessings and Christ's Love,
Noelle Keegan.

Get Involved at Bethany

If you would like to help out at one or more of our church services, you can sign up online at **"SignUp Genius"** (see the links below). Simply click on the link and select what Sunday(s) you'd like to help out. Weekly, we need the following helpers:



Assisting Minister

Ushers / Greeters

Altar Guild (Monthly)

Liturgy Slide Assistants

Live-Stream Assistants

Coffee Hour Hosts

Altar Flowers

After you sign up, you'll receive an email reminder about a week before the service. You can also edit or swap dates if something comes up. If you have questions, please reach out to **Mike Balinskas** or **Robin (860-635-4618)**.



Worship Service Volunteers

Right click picture and then click "Open Hyperlink" to go directly to SignUp Genius.



Coffee Hour



Altar Flowers

HOME FIRE PREPAREDNESS CAMPAIGN

Reducing fire injury and deaths one home at a time. At no cost to you, we would like to share some simple steps you can take at home that will help you protect your family against fire. In addition, the Red Cross will install **FREE** smoke alarms within your home.



Visits generally last 30 minutes and can be scheduled at your convenience. **During your home visit you will receive:** Installed smoke alarms if needed, guidance in the development of a Family Disaster Plan and valuable emergency preparedness tips and information. All demonstrations and installation services are performed by Red Cross trained volunteers and/or licensed insured professionals.

Register at www.redcross.org/ct/schedule-a-visit or call **1-877-287-3327**.

PRAYERS

If you would like a hospital or home visit, or are otherwise in need of pastoral care, please call the church office at **860-635-4618**. If it is after hours, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



We will keep names on the prayer list for a two (2) week period. Names will automatically be removed at the end of the two (2) weeks. If you would like a person to stay on the list for another two (2) weeks, please email Robin on the Wednesday prior to the removal date at:

bethanyluthranchurchcromwell@gmail.com.

As of this date we are praying for:

**Bryce, Jean, Glenn, Joanne, Natasha,
George, Bob, Barbara,
Carole, Michael, Debbie**

Distribution of Holy Communion in Pews

We are happy to distribute Holy Communion in the pews for those who find it difficult to come to the communion rail in the chancel area. Moving forward, we will be using chalices pre-filled with gluten free bread and wine for those who are receiving in the pew. These are the same pre-filled chalices used during the pandemic and for home communion. This distribution method is less likely to result in accidental spills. As a reminder, simply notify an usher if you'd like to receive Holy Communion while seated.

Please try to sit at or near the end of a pew.



ORGAN WORK COMPLETED

The work on the organ has been completed well ahead of schedule and our beloved instrument is now in fine working order-thanks to the good work of the folks at Foley-Baker organ company.

THANK YOU MIKE AND TEAM

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR ANNUAL ADVENT/CHRISTMAS (HOLIDAY CONCERT)

Plans are underway for our annual musical extravaganza which will be held, as usual, during the worship hour on the First Sunday of Advent.

This year the date is: NOVEMBER 30

This concert is a long tradition at Bethany and beautifully prepares us for our celebration of the birth of our Lord. Be sure to come and be a part of this beautiful celebration.

COME AND BE PART OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF THE MUSIC CHURCH

As we prepare our music for the celebration of the Reformation, All Saints Day, Advent and Christmas, now would be a great time to join one of our musical groups and be part of the worship leadership.

Joyful Noise, The Bethany Choir and Ring Joy are always looking for welcoming new members.

HYMN OF THE MONTH: A Mighty Fortress is our God Skies, #504

This beautiful hymn is truly a foundation of the Reformation and one we, as Lutherans, have claimed as a significant part of our faith and history.

Luther saw the text as one of comfort and based it on Psalm 46. It speaks of God as our fortress, an ever-present force to heal, protect and praise.

The musical source has as many versions as do the various musical interpretations of the melody. (Scholars have concluded that it was not a "bar" song as some have speculated. The combination of text, melody and phrasing are indeed unique, inspiring and a living and dynamic part of our worship and praise.)



THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!!



Bethany, get ready for our first Pumpkin Sale and Fall Festival!

This will be a fund raiser to send our Youth (Current count 4) and their chaperones to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in June of 2027. It is also a great outreach to our community.

The pumpkins arrive on Saturday, October 11 at 9 am. We need all hands-on deck to unload the truck and position the pumpkins for the sale. We will begin selling our pumpkins on Monday, October 13. We are expected to man our pumpkin sale for 6-8 hours/day and will be asking for volunteers to help with this.

On Saturday, October 18 and Saturday, October 25 from 10 am-4 pm we will host a Fall Festival with games, refreshments etc. to try to attract more business. We have already been creating things to decorate our pumpkin patch and to sell.

We need everyone's help to make this a success. This will be a great way to let Cromwell and beyond see what a great community of faith we have here at Bethany.

Please watch the bulletin for items that we need.

New Ministry Fun!

Bethany is blessed to enjoy a number of retired clergy as part of our membership. One of those members is Pastor Maureen Hawksley. In October, Pastor Maureen will be starting a new phone ministry with our homebound members. She will be calling you every 4-6 weeks, just to see how you are doing and if you have any needs that your church can help with or pray about. These calls will not be especially lengthy but they will be an opportunity to reach out and care for you! If you have not heard from Pastor Maureen by mid-November, please call the church office in case we have made a mistake and left you off of her list.

Thanks to Pastor Maureen for her willingness to serve!

The Simply Giving Program



The Simply Giving® Program is designed to help you conveniently make payments to Bethany Lutheran Church. Through the Simply Giving Program, your payments are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic payment – weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Your payment is deposited into the church's bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account.

Why Sign Up?

- Convenience – Payment will still be made if you are out of town or on vacation.
- Security – No checks are needed which means no lost or stolen checks.
- Environmentally friendly – Save on checks, envelopes and postage.

How to Sign Up

- Complete the form and return it with your voided check to:

Bethany Lutheran Church
ATTN: Simply Giving
50 Court Street
Cromwell, CT 06416

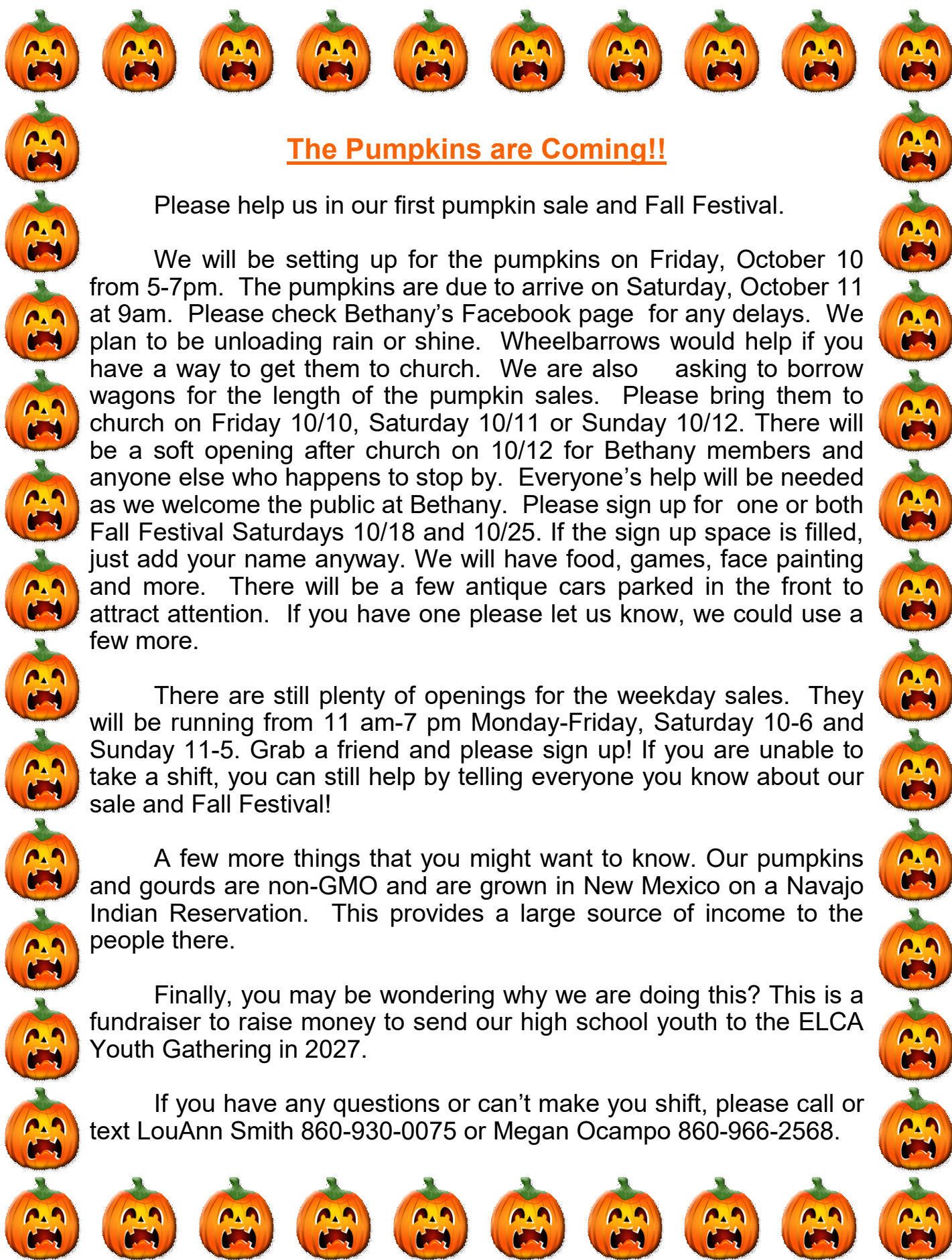
Forms and questions may be directed to:

Robin Scotti
Bethany Lutheran Church Office Manager
bethanylutheranchurchcromwell@gmail.com

OR Give Robin a call in the church office, **860-635-4618**, and she can set you up in the Vanco system.

OR you can scan this code and be directed to the Vanco Giving Page.



A decorative border of jack-o'-lanterns surrounds the text. The top and bottom rows consist of 10 pumpkins each. The left and right sides are decorated with 10 pumpkins each, arranged in a vertical column. The pumpkins have various carved faces, some with wide grins and others with more menacing expressions.

The Pumpkins are Coming!!

Please help us in our first pumpkin sale and Fall Festival.

We will be setting up for the pumpkins on Friday, October 10 from 5-7pm. The pumpkins are due to arrive on Saturday, October 11 at 9am. Please check Bethany's Facebook page for any delays. We plan to be unloading rain or shine. Wheelbarrows would help if you have a way to get them to church. We are also asking to borrow wagons for the length of the pumpkin sales. Please bring them to church on Friday 10/10, Saturday 10/11 or Sunday 10/12. There will be a soft opening after church on 10/12 for Bethany members and anyone else who happens to stop by. Everyone's help will be needed as we welcome the public at Bethany. Please sign up for one or both Fall Festival Saturdays 10/18 and 10/25. If the sign up space is filled, just add your name anyway. We will have food, games, face painting and more. There will be a few antique cars parked in the front to attract attention. If you have one please let us know, we could use a few more.

There are still plenty of openings for the weekday sales. They will be running from 11 am-7 pm Monday-Friday, Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 11-5. Grab a friend and please sign up! If you are unable to take a shift, you can still help by telling everyone you know about our sale and Fall Festival!

A few more things that you might want to know. Our pumpkins and gourds are non-GMO and are grown in New Mexico on a Navajo Indian Reservation. This provides a large source of income to the people there.

Finally, you may be wondering why we are doing this? This is a fundraiser to raise money to send our high school youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2027.

If you have any questions or can't make your shift, please call or text LouAnn Smith 860-930-0075 or Megan Ocampo 860-966-2568.

SIGN UP TO HELP ON SIGN UP GENIUS
Copy the link to the right & paste in your browser.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AEAF2DA3FACE9-58623004-pumpkin>

The Pumpkins Are Coming!

Pumpkin Festival

Oct. 18th and 25th

10:00am-4:00pm

Games, Crafts, Pumpkin Painting, and more!



Pumpkin Sale

10/13-10/31

Hours:

Mon-Fri 11:00-7:00

Sat. 10:00-6:00

Sun. 11:00-5:00



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50 Court St
Cromwell**



October Kid's Page

GROW IN Grace

Make this craft as a reminder to continue growing in God's amazing grace.



What you need:

- An adult to help
- Newspaper
- Acrylic paints
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker
- Potting soil
- Small "indoors" plant or packet of seeds

What you do:

1. Cover your work area with newspaper and squeeze paint onto the paper plate.
2. Paint designs on the pot and plate, cleaning your brush in the water when changing colors. Let dry.
3. With the black marker, write "Growing in God's Grace" along the top ridge of the pot.
4. Pour in a small amount of soil. Place your plant in the pot and surround it with more soil. (If planting seeds, follow packet instructions.)
5. Water your plant. Check it daily and keep the soil moist.
6. Enjoy watching your plant grow!

PUZZLE

Growing up!

You're growing each day in many different ways. A verse from 2 Peter tells what will help you grow!

Directions: Fill in the blanks below, using the height measurements as guides, to complete 2 Peter 3:18.

3 ¹ / ₄ ft.	knowledge	Savior	3 ¹ / ₈ ft.
3 ¹ / ₁₆ ft.	him	grace	3 ft.
2 ³ / ₄ ft.	now	forever	2 ¹ / ₂ ft.
2 ¹ / ₄ ft.	Lord	grow	2 ¹ / ₈ ft.
2 ¹ / ₁₆ ft.	glory	Jesus Christ	1 ¹ / ₄ ft.
2 ft.	Amen		
1 ft.	our		

"But _____ in the _____ and _____ of _____
 2 ¹/₈ ft. 3 ft. 3 ¹/₄ ft. 1 ft.
 _____ and _____
 2 ¹/₄ ft. 3 ¹/₈ ft. 1 ¹/₄ ft.
 To _____ be _____ both _____ and _____ ! _____."
 3 ¹/₁₆ ft. 2 ¹/₁₆ ft. 2 ³/₄ ft. 2 ¹/₂ ft. 2 ft.

2 PETER 3:18, NIV

Answer: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." 2 Peter 3:18, NIV



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BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

3-year old – 6th Grade
(must be 3 by September & parent must stay with child)

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

BIRTHDATE: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

BAPTISMAL DATE: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

GRADE ENTERING IN SEPTEMBER: _____

NEW STUDENT to BETHANY: YES / NO or RETURNING STUDENT: YES / NO

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

MEDICAL PROBLEMS / ALLERGIES: _____

I GRANT PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO BE INCLUDED IN PHOTOS, VIDEOS, SOCIAL MEDIA, FACEBOOK CONNECTED WITH BETHANY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM:
 YES / NO

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

I am willing to help with Sunday School in the capacity of: *(please check appropriately)*

Teacher _____ Substitute _____ Helper _____ Office Assistant _____

Special Projects (*i.e. baking cookies, Christmas Play, etc.*) _____



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 God's work. Our hands.



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BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

BIRTHDATE: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

BAPTISMAL DATE: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

GRADE ENTERING IN SEPTEMBER: _____

NEW STUDENT to BETHANY: YES / NO or RETURNING STUDENT: YES / NO

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ CELL PHONE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

STUDENT'S CELL PHONE: _____

STUDENT'S EMAIL: _____

MEDICAL PROBLEMS / ALLERGIES: _____

I GRANT PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO BE INCLUDED IN PHOTOS, VIDEOS,
SOCIAL MEDIA, FACEBOOK CONNECTED WITH BETHANY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
PROGRAM:

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____



ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAMS

- INSTANT POTATOES
- GRAVY
- MACARONI AND CHEESE
- CHICKEN/ BEEF BROTH
- CREAM OF CHICKEN/ MUSHROOM
- CORN BREAD
- PIE CRUST AND FILLING
- PUDDING / CAKE MIX
- OTHER BAKING ITEMS
- CRANBERRY SAUCE
- STUFFING
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- CRISPY ONIONS



You are welcome to donate either monetarily or through gift cards. We provide gift cards to families so they can purchase a turkey, ham, or other protein of their choice.



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Pumpkins Arrive—Oct. 11th Set Up—Oct. 12th Pumpkin Sale—Oct. 12th—31st Pumpkin Festival—Oct. 18th & 25th Pumpkin Smash—Nov. 1st <i>(see more info on pages 9 & 13)</i>			1	2	3	4
			10:30 am – Table Talk (Luther Ridge) 1:30 pm – Prayer Circle (C) 6-9:30 pm – NE Chamber (FH) 6:30-8 pm – Ring Joy (BCR)		5:30-8 pm – BLPS Kids Night Out (PS/FH)	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8 am – Worship w/ Holy Communion (C) 9:30 am – Worship w/ Holy Communion		5:30-9:30 pm—GM Chorale (FH/S)	10:30 am – Table Talk (Luther Ridge) 6-9:30 pm – NE Chamber (FH) 6:30-8 pm – Ring Joy (BCR)			Pumpkins Arrive <i>(see above)</i>
12	13 Columbus Day	14	15 Messenger Deadline	16	17	18
9:30 am – Worship w/ Holy Communion	7 pm - Finance	5:30 pm – BLPS Board (SCR) 5:30-9:30 pm—GM Chorale (FH/S)	10:30 am – Table Talk (Luther Ridge) 1:30 pm – Prayer Circle (C) 3:45 pm – Executive Committee (L) 4 pm – Council (L) 6-9:30 pm – NE Chamber (FH) 6:30-8 pm – Ring Joy (BCR)	1:30 pm – Saints Alive (L) 6 pm—Call Committee (SCR)		Pumpkin Festival <i>(see above)</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8 am – Worship w/ Holy Communion (C) 9:30 am – Worship w/ Holy Communion	6-7 pm – PS Parent Class on Screen Time (SCR)	5:30-9:30 pm—GM Chorale (FH/S)	10:30 am – Table Talk (Luther Ridge) 6-9:30 pm – NE Chamber (FH) 6:30-8 pm – Ring Joy (BCR)		7-9 pm – Youth Group (FH) Pumpkin Carving	Pumpkin Festival <i>(see above)</i>
26 Reformation	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	
9:30 am – Worship w/ Holy Communion		5:30-9:30 pm—GM Chorale (FH/S) 6 pm - Book Club (L)	10:30 am – Table Talk (Luther Ridge) 6-9:30 pm – NE Chamber (FH) 6:30-8 pm – Ring Joy (BCR)	6-8 pm - Dinner Church (FH)		

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 C—Chapel
 BCR—Bell Choir Room
 FH—Fellowship Hall
 K—Kitchen
 L—Lounge

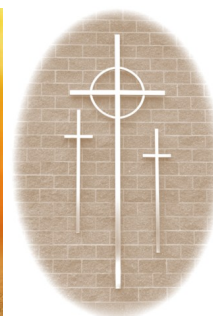
 O—Office
 PS—Preschool
 SCR—Sm. Community Room
 S—Sanctuary

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