

# The Bethany Messenger

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September

## WELCOME SUNDAY!!!

Greetings, One and All!

On Sunday, September 7, Bethany will gather for worship and celebration and the start of the fall schedule, including Sunday School. Our worship service will be held outside on the front lawn and we will sing our praise to God with the help of Joyful Noise. We also will pray blessing over our Sunday School teachers and Preschool teachers. Worship will conclude by sharing Holy Communion.

Once worship is complete, we will make our way over to the parsonage and re-dedicate it. Following that brief time, the parsonage will be open so people can see the amazing work that has been done to upgrade the parsonage. *(BTW, sometime in the week following, I will move a few things in so that I can sleep overnight at the parsonage rather than the Sheraton! I will continue to be here on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and weekends).*

As if that's not enough fun, we will then enjoy games and a picnic together! Chefs Steve and Russell will be at the grill and all of us are asked to bring one item to share at the potluck picnic. **COME, NOT BECAUSE YOU MUST, BUT BECAUSE YOU MAY!!!** And, as always, please feel welcome to bring a friend!

Sunday School will begin on September 14! The children's sermon in worship will focus on giving children Bibles! We hope families will prioritize this important start to the Sunday School year!

On September 21, after worship, there will be opportunity to read through the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and enjoy lunch together. This is the final act of the Transition Team, so ably led by Danielle O'Linn who has worked with her wonderful team of Jon Beatty, Nancy Balinskas, Holly Linder, Wendy Soneson, LouAnn Smith, and Norma Zashut. It's been a joy for me to serve as a consultant for this hard-working team!

October will come quickly this year, I believe. On October 5, we will begin to offer two

services of worship @ 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Later that day, we will offer an afternoon Blessing of the Animals. Look for more information in September. This is an outreach event so talk to your friends with pets and bring them (and their pets!) along please! Time for Blessing of the Animals TBD!

I'm looking forward to all of these events and more! May God be glorified in all that we do!

Yours in Christ Jesus, Pastor Cheryl

## Council Corner Notes:

Summer is almost behind us, and there's a lot to do in the coming weeks and months at Bethany Lutheran. Please remember to sign off for whatever dish you can bring or whatever else you'd like to offer to do to assist with our church picnic on "Welcome Sunday", September 7th. Following our outdoor worship service at 9:30, there will be food, fun and games for your entire family! Speaking of food, we're asking that you also bring long a donation of any type of packaged snack for a school student's lunch bang. It will be greatly appreciated!

Bethany Lutheran's parsonage will be re-dedicated that day and you're welcome to tour the renovated home as remodeling approaches completion — thanks to the countless hours of hard work donated by generous members of our Bethany family.

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, September 21st. Following our worship service, there will be a recap of the MSP with the congregation during a luncheon in our fellowship hall. Please plan to attend.

Our pumpkin sale & fall festival are also right around the corner!....

God's Blessings to All~

# September

# Volunteers

Assisting Minister	7	Jerry Griscom
	14	Mike Balinskas
	21	
	28	
Altar Guild:		Angel Carlin
Greeters	7	Amy Calvo
	14	
	21	Greg & Wendy Soneson, Mark Aresco
	28	
Ushers	7	Amy Calvo, Barb Hughes
	14	Norma Zashut, Ann Naughton
	21	Wendy Soneson
	28	Mark & Diane Aresco
Coffee Hour	7	Church Picnic
	14	Carol Frago
	21	Mike & Nancy Balinskas
	28	Patty O'Brian
Counters	TBD	

Live Stream/Audio	7	n/a
	14	
	21	
	28	
Slides	7	n/a
	14	Nancy Balinskas
	21	
	28	
Altar Flowers	7	n/a
	14	The Congregation of Bethany
	21	The Friedmann/Balinskas Families
	28	Mike & Nancy Balinskas

## Volunteers for October 5th:

**Assisting Minister:**

**Altar Guild:** Angel Carlin

**Greeters:** Norma Zashut

**Ushers:**

**Live Stream:**

**Liturgy Slides:**

**Altar Flowers:**

**Coffee Hour:** Evelyn Anderson

## **WE NEED YOU !!**

Empty spaces on the volunteer sheet designate that we need volunteers for our weekly services.



Please sign up online on Signup Genius (info in this Messenger). Please sign up for Altar Flowers 2 weeks in advance.

Give Robin a call in the office if you have any questions 860-635-4618 or to sign up.



## **Bethany Transition Team Update**

### **Greetings from the Transition Team**

We are deeply grateful for your involvement and support as we work toward completing Bethany's Ministry Site Profile (MSP). This key document will play a crucial role in guiding our search for a pastor whose gifts and calling best match Bethany's mission today and our vision for the future.

### **Your Involvement Matters**

Throughout this transition, your participation in activities such as the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT), Bethany history events, focus groups, community needs assessments, and visioning exercises has been invaluable. Each of these efforts, which are intentionally "pastor neutral," is designed to benefit our entire Bethany family and is essential as Christ helps us determine our path forward. We are also thankful for Pastor Cheryl's ongoing service as our interim pastor during this important time.

### **Next Steps: MSP Workshop**

With your continued support, the Transition Team will soon submit the MSP to the synod as our final step. To ensure everyone has an opportunity to contribute, we invite you to attend the MSP Workshop, where you can provide input and suggest revisions to the draft MSP. Lunch will be provided, and a free-will offering is requested. Please join us for the workshop on Sunday, September 21, following worship. Kindly RSVP.

### **Looking Ahead: Our Shared Priorities**

Once a new pastor is called, the pastor and congregation will work together to address areas of opportunity and priorities identified through our Transition Activities over the past six months. Bethany's top five priorities are:

- Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to Bethany.
- Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of Bethany.
- Strengthen the pastoral response of the church in serving people in times of need.
- Provide more opportunities for Christian education and spiritual formation at every age and stage of life.
- Create more opportunities for people to form meaningful relationships, such as small groups, nurtured friendships, and shared meals.

### **Moving Forward Together**

This is an exciting time in the life of Bethany. We believe God is calling us to discern our next phase of mission and purpose as "a community making Christ known." If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please reach out to

me or any member of the Transition Team. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, September 21!

Yours with Christ,

Danielle O'Linn – Chair ([theolinn4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:theolinn4@sbcglobal.net))

Pastor Cheryl Larsen Lawing, Nancy Balinskas, John Beatty, Holly Linder Gehring, LouAnn Smith, Wendy Soneson, Norma Zashut

### ***A note from the Council President...***

#### **The Call Process**

After Bethany submits its final MSP, the synod will use the information to identify the best pastoral candidate for our congregation. The Call Committee (which includes Council) will meet with the pastoral candidate, and if all parties agree, the congregation will hold a vote to call this individual as our next pastor. This congregational meeting and vote are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 9, 2025, following worship. Announcements will be made as the date approaches.

#### **A Unique Opportunity**

Many members of Bethany and our interim pastor, Pastor Cheryl, have expressed interest in continuing our relationship. In response, the synod has provided Bethany with an unprecedented opportunity to consider Pastor Cheryl as a pastoral candidate.

Your sister in Christ,

Christine Trousdale – President  
([Christine.trousdale@gmail.com](mailto:Christine.trousdale@gmail.com))

Who: All of Bethany  
What: Contribute to our Ministry Site Profile  
Where: Fellowship Hall  
When: Sunday, September 21 at 10:45 AM  
Following Worship

- ✓ Congregational Assessment (CAT)
- ✓ History of Bethany
- ✓ Community Needs Assessment
- ✓ What is God Calling Us to Do?
- ☐ Ministry Site Profile
- ☐ Call our Next Pastor

**Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP!**



The Saints gathered on August 21<sup>st</sup> at Cromwell Landing. What a beautiful place that is!

We had a spot right on the river and although the sky was cloudy, just as we began our lunch and snacks the sun came out and the warmth of the sun and our fellowship made it memorable for us all.

Pastor Wogman was personally very much involved with the initial work on the site and he shared a history and interesting stories about its development. He also led us in devotions.

### Here is our schedule for the rest of the year:

September 18, 2025	-	Special Guest
October 16, 2025	-	Celebration of Reformation (Bonhoeffer Film)
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.



Sept. 2	-	Nolan Gyulay
Sept. 3	-	Alexander Ahrens
Sept. 4	-	Max Gonzalez
	-	Bob Veillette
Sept. 6	-	Stephen Anderson
	-	Benjamin Gyulay
Sept. 7	-	Cynthia Corneliusson
	-	Louise Courchaine
Sept. 8	-	Doug Brown
Sept. 9	-	Michael Peterson
Sept. 10	-	Jim Sullivan
Sept. 13	-	Kelsey Kapalczynski
Sept. 15	-	Olivia Goodrich
Sept. 17	-	Jonathan Beatty
Sept. 18	-	Bertha Friedmann
Sept. 19	-	Corey Harrison
Sept. 20	-	Cynthia Delaney
Sept. 21	-	Eric Harrison
	-	Kitty Richheimer
	-	Dan Smith
Sept. 23	-	Serenity Hart
	-	Howard Kreidwise
Sept. 24	-	Lindsey Daniele
	-	Krisie Friedmann
	-	Elizabeth Galletta
	-	Karen Sullivan
Sept. 25	-	Mariah Duteau
Sept. 26	-	Steve Richheimer
Sept. 28	-	Christine Trousdale

Patricia & Stephen O'Briuan, 9/6/1997
Jessica & Richard Iozzo, 9/10/2005
Allison & Greg Wiernasz, 9/12/2009
Danielle & Brian O'Linn, 9/17/1999
Wendy & Greg Soneson, 9/19/1987
Caitlin & Bryan Cook-O'Reilly, 9/24/2016
Pati & Joe Santavenere, 9/27/1980
Amy & Joe Calvo, 9/28/1986
Pastor Cheryl & Andy Lawing, 9/29/1990

## Bethany Lutheran Preschool

*where it all begins*

### Greetings from Bethany Lutheran Preschool.

We are excited to start a new school year. We welcomed students back on September 2nd. We have lots of excited children and teachers! We have new floors in the preschool and have added a few items to the playground. The classrooms look great!

The preschool has a lot of fun activities planned for the children including visits from the Cromwell Library, Cromwell Fire Department, and Cromwell Animal Control. We are looking forward to a great year.

The bulletin board in the hallway near the small community room has preschool information, take a look at it to see what we are up to!

Terri Camilleri  
Director, Bethany Lutheran Preschool



## 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**



## 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](http://www.redcross.org/ct/schedule-a-visit) or call **1-877-287-3327**.



Bethany Youth Group (BYG) will meet on Friday, September 5 from 7-9 in Bethany's social hall. We will play some games and eat some snacks. Bring ideas for the upcoming year and bring a friend or two!  
All Youth grades 6 and up are

welcome. Questions call or text LouAnn Smith 860-930-0075 or Kitty Richheimer 860-830-3293.



Check out this exciting new event, the Calumet Obstacle & Trail Challenge, a 5K trail run/walk with the challenge of a dozen obstacles along the way. From Jackman Ridge to the Outdoor Chapel (ODC) to Ossipee Lake, our course will have you traversing the entire Calumet property. This fundraising event is a fun way to challenge yourself while supporting the programs we offer year round at Calumet.

**5K + 12 obstacles + Calumet's beautiful property = Fun for everyone!**  
**(Modifications available, walk run or sing your way through each challenge)**

### Register Now

Register now to reserve your spot in the Calumet Obstacle & Trail Challenge. Visit our event website:

<https://myevent.com/calumetchallenge>

### Event Details:

- Registration Fee: \$100
- Event Date: Friday, September 12, 2025
- Start time: 10am EDT
- Location: Camp Calumet - 1090 Ossipee Lake Road, Freedom, NH

*Join us after the challenge for a complimentary BBQ outside the Johnson Dining Hall*

### Sponsor a Participant

Do you know someone who will be participating in the Calumet Challenge? If so, you can sponsor that challenger with a donation in their name. Any amount is welcome and a great way to cheer on our participants.

### Sponsor an Obstacle

A great way to show your support for Calumet and this fun event is through sponsorship of our obstacles along the course. For more information on obstacle sponsorships contact Kurt in our Development office at [kurt@calumet.org](mailto:kurt@calumet.org).

## 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.



Worship

Coffee Hour



Altar Flowers



Currently, we are not running food donation drives at Bethany. Instead use the link below to select from the items needed from the Amazon

Wish List and have the items delivered directly to the St. Vincent de Paul of Middletown food pantry. It's easy and you are assured you are donating items that are really needed. Use the link a list of the most needed items at the Amazing Grace Food Pantry!

<https://a.co/6uK7UPC>

## 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:

[bethanyluthranchurchromwell@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyluthranchurchromwell@gmail.com).

As of this date we are praying for:

**Pam, Joanne, Natasha, George  
Sue, Bob, 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.



## FIRST PART OF ORGAN WORK COMPLETED

The first part of the work on the organ has now been completed and our chime division is up and running.

The second part of the project has begun with the removal of a number of pipes which are in long awaited refurbishing.

Some have asked if the organ is still useable—to reiterate—the answer is yes. It may sound a little different as a number of the sounds possibilities (stops) have been removed. Hopefully you won't notice too much a difference if I figure it out properly.

## CHOIRS CONTINUE TO SING DURING THE SUMMER

Our dedicated choir members continued to lead worship during the summer. In many churches the choirs take the summer off—but not a Bethany! While somewhat limited in number on certain Sunday's—voices from our choirs were present each Sunday; and we are grateful for the dedication and inspiration provided during the summer months lead the hymns and liturgy.



## OUR MUSIC CHURCH CONTINUES TO SPREAD ITS MINISTRY

Now known as the **MUSIC CHURCH**, Bethany continues its music ministry in a most unusual way.

The beautiful voices we have come to love are now reaching others as they lead the National Anthem or songs at the Yard Goats games on selected dates.

Thank to Liz, Millie and Kenz for bringing their talent and inspiration to this new, for us, and diverse audience, **YOU MAKE US PROUD!!**

A repeat, below is the history of one of the songs they sing.

## HYMN OF THE MONTH: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies, #888

This is truly an all-American hymn. Katherine Bates, a professor who was lecturing in Colorado (probably in 1893) took a trip to the top of Pikes Peak. She looked out over the majesty of the mountains and having travelled much of the country to get to Colorado was inspired to write these now immortal and inspiring words about the country she loved. (I had a similar experience when I reached the top of Pike's Peak one early 4<sup>th</sup> of July morning—when I was young.)

The music was written by Samuel A Ward an organist, as he was crossing New York Harbor. The story goes that he wrote it down on the cuff of his shirt and then used it as an anthem for two hundred men and boys at his church in Newark.

The music and text were later combined to produce our much-loved national hymn.

## 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](mailto: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.



# September Kid's Page

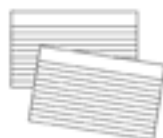


## Keepsake BOOK

With your grandparents, create a special book to preserve cherished memories.

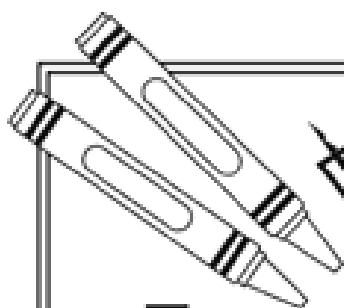
### What you need:

- Index cards
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Binder ring (or yarn)
- Crayons or markers



### What you do:

1. Brainstorm questions to ask one or more of your grandparents (topics can include their childhoods, favorites and advice). Write one question on each index card.
2. Ask your grandparent to write his or her answers on the blank sides of the cards.
3. Make a cover by decorating one index card.
4. Punch a hole in the top left corner of each card.
5. Use a binder ring or string yarn through the holes and tie to secure the cards together.



## PUZZLE

## From generation to GENERATION

Grandparents are a bridge of love for future generations. The greatest heritage they can pass on is their faith and love for God.

*Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.*

JOEL 1:3, NIV

**Directions:** List as many words as you can create from the letters in **GENERATIONS**. You may want to challenge a grandparent to this!

**2-letter words**

**3-letter words**

**4-letter words**

**5+ letters**

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Add up the total number of words you found. >>>



**Bethany Lutheran Church & Preschool**  
*A Community Making Christ Known*  
 The Rev. Cheryl Larsen Lawing, Pastor

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 Cromwell, CT 06416  
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## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

3-year old – 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Bethany Lutheran Church & Preschool**

*A Community Making Christ Known*

The Rev. Cheryl Larsen Lawing, Pastor

50 Court Street

Cromwell, CT 06416

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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: \_\_\_\_\_



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Offices Closed</i>	2 5:30-9:30 pm – GM Chorale (FH/S)	3 10:30 am – Table Talk (Luther Ridge) 1:30 pm – Prayer Circle (C) 6-9:30 pm – NE Chamber (FH)	4	5 7 - 9 pm Youth Group (FH)	6
7 <i>Rally Day</i>	8 5:30-8 pm Transition Team (L) 7 pm - Finance	9 5:30 pm – BLPS Board (SCR) 5:30-9:30 pm – GM Chorale (FH/S)	10 10:30 am – Table Talk (Luther Ridge) 6-9:30 pm – NE Chamber (FH)	11	12	13
14 9:30 am – Worship w/ Holy Communion (Outside) Church Picnic	15 <i>Messenger Deadline</i>	16 5:30-9:30 pm – GM Chorale (FH/S)	17 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)	18 1:30 pm – Saints Alive (L)	19	20
21 9:30 am – Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:45 am—Ministry Site Profile w/lunch (FH)	22	23 5:30-9:30 pm – GM Chorale (FH/S)	24 10:30 am – Table Talk (Luther Ridge) 6-9:30 pm – NE Chamber (FH)	25 6 pm – Dinner Church (FH/K)	26	27 10-2 pm – Choral Arts NE (CANE) (SCR)
28 9:30 am – Worship w/ Holy Communion	29	30 5:30-9:30 pm – GM Chorale (FH/S)				

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

O—Office  
PS—Preschool  
SCR—Small Community Room  
S—Sanctuary

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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sundays: 8:00 a.m.—1st & 3rd Sunday**

**9:30 a.m.— and Live on YouTube**

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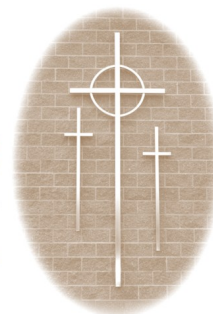
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