Do you remember the movie “When Harry Met Sally”? Early in the film, when the characters have just met, they stop at a diner. Sally, the original “high maintenance” woman places a very complicated order that goes something like this:

“Waiter, I’ll begin with a house salad, but I don’t want the regular dressing. I’ll have the balsamic vinegar and oil, but on the side. And then the salmon with the mustard sauce, but I want the mustard sauce on the side. I’ll take the coffee, half regular, half decaf but only if it’s just been brewed. And for dessert I’d like the hot fudge sundae without the nuts and with the fudge sauce, heated, on the side. And whipped cream but only if its real cream not that stuff from a can.”

As I recall Harry looks at her and she meets his gaze and says “I like things the way I like them.” I doubt any of us are quite as fussy as Sally in the movie, but we DO like things the way we like them, don’t we? We’ve gone to all the trouble to figure it out, we work to keep it the way we like it, and it’s comfortable! Whether it’s which brand of Kringle or the way we drive we like what we like and we have some idea of how things are supposed to be... often for very good reasons. This can be especially true in Church during worship. Whether it’s your “regular pew” or how some part of the service is done, we know what we like and how it’s supposed to be. This makes it challenging when someone joins us who doesn’t understand how things are supposed to be. Maybe it’s an unruly child; perhaps it’s an adult with cognitive or emotional challenges who doesn’t realize what they are “supposed” to do; it might even be someone from another faith tradition that worships more actively and vocally than the way we’re used to. It can make us uncomfortable or frustrated, and that’s not how we want to feel in church. Because of this, it’s easy to forget that Church should be the ONE place where there is universal love and acceptance... particularly of those who tend to be judged, marginalized, or rejected by others. This was what Jesus was all about and, truth be told, it drove some of the Pharisees nuts! But what was a better witness to God’s gracious love: following the rules and procedures for a righteous Jew or calling Zacchaeus down from the tree and going to his house for a meal? Jesus followed the rules of righteousness all the time, but I suspect that isn’t what stands out in your mind when you think of the greatest story ever told. My vision is for Bethania to be a beacon of the love of Christ that I KNOW lives in your hearts. To do this, we may have to stretch our “comfort zone” a bit. This doesn’t mean “anything goes” but – hopefully – it does mean we can try to see what Christ sees and respond the way he would. Most of us don’t really have training for this in the worship setting, but that’s okay: we can help one another along... just as Christ told us to.

Blessings,

Pastor Heather Bumstead
### AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

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### August 2, 2015

**First Reading**  Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

**Psalm**  Psalm 78:23-29

**Second Reading**  Ephesians 4:1-16

**Gospel**  John 6:24-35

### August 9, 2015

**First Reading**  1 Kings 19:4-8

**Psalm**  Psalm 34:1-8

**Second Reading**  Ephesians 4:25-5:2

**Gospel**  John 6:356, 41-51

### August 16, 2015

**First Reading**  Proverbs 9:1-6

**Psalm**  Psalm 34:9-14

**Second Reading**  Ephesians 5:15-20

**Gospel**  John 6:51-58

### August 23, 2015

**First Reading**  Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

**Psalm**  Psalm 34:15-22

**Second Reading**  Ephesians 6:10-20

**Gospel**  John 6:56-69

### August 30, 2015

**First Reading**  Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

**Psalm**  Psalm 15

**Second Reading**  James 1: 17-27

**Gospel**  Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Healing prayers are needed for:**
- Leo Miller
- Jim Woodward
- Art Thompsen
- Dean Goold
- Hans Holbrik
- Jan Brown
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- Jan Brown
- Sharon Leger’s dad Burl Liston
- Kelly Imhoff’s dad Sonny
- Mike Imhoff’s friend Bob C.
- Sharon Leger’s Aunt Patty
- Jacci Young’s brother Jim
- Julie’s niece Lauren
- Jean Dragan
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(Please note: There may not be a car in the parking lot but the office is open.)

Reverend Heather Bumstead, Pastor
Cathi Webster, Church secretary
Mike Imhoff, Custodian
Willy Mueller, Church musician
Jeff Alderson, President
Kelly Imhoff, Vice President
Ed Young, Treasurer
Julie Hansen, Council Member
Rob Borgardt, Council Member
John Barnes, Council Member

Are you looking to become a Member of Bethania?

Just let place a note in the offering plate or call the church office. We would be happy to have you! New Members will be received on Sunday, October 11th.

Blade Article DEADLINE is August 14th at 3:00 p.m.
On August 4, Dan & Kim Drasen will celebrate 28 years of marriage.
On August 6, James & Angela Hrouda will celebrate 9 years of marriage.
On August 16, Michael & Dorothy Myren will celebrate 11 years of marriage.
On August 30, Joseph & Diane Yust will celebrate 57 years of marriage.

Mark Your Calendars:
(some dates subject to change)
Cluster Community Meal Site at Atonement: Sunday, August 9 at 4:30 p.m.
FAMILY GAME NIGHT: Friday, August 21 at 6:00 p.m.
RUSD begins: Tuesdays, Sept. 1
Confirmation Student/Parent meeting: Wed., Sept. 2
SCS RALLY DAY PICNIC: Sunday, Sept. 20
New Member Reception: Sunday, October 11
Community Meal Site: Sunday, Oct. 18
CONFIRMATION: Sunday, Oct. 25

OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS
George & Margaret Jacobsen
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c/o Elizabeth House
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August 1 - Melissa Genich
August 3 - Betty Hedstrom
August 5 – Ericka Genich
August 5 – Janice Loesel
August 8 – Owen Imhoff
August 8 – Jerome Reed
August 14 - Terrin Baker
August 17 - Thomas Schoff
August 19 – John Barnes
August 19 – Cameron Ketcher
August 21 – Kristen Poulsen
August 23 – Brooke McIntosh
August 28 – Mary Ernst
August 31 - Jana Brown
August 31 - Raquel Reed
“God’s work. Our hands.”

“God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday, September 13, is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

We’ll start the day around 9:00 a.m. doing various community service projects around Racine such as: gathering food items to fill shelves at one of the local food pantries, cleaning up a public park or volunteering at a homeless shelter, wearing our bright gold “God’s Work, Our Hands” t-shirts.

Then gather at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection for a joint worship service around 11:00 a.m., followed by a cookout and an afternoon of kids’ games and other entertainment.

Worship lead by laypersons will be held at Bethania at 9:00 a.m. for those unable to participate.

A Pinch of SALT…
Serving And Learning Together, a.k.a.
“SALT” has been using Bethania as a base for its Middle School Neighborhood Camp this Summer. Participants have worked on a number of service projects in the community and also helped pull weeds around the Church, clean the sanctuary each week, and generally try to “leave things better than we found them.” We’re excited to support this ministry and thank the kids and leaders for the things they’ve been doing around Bethania!
On August 10th, Thread by Thread will have been open for 4 years. It has been an amazing ministry with some amazing leadership. Jacci Young, Rusty McGonegle and Robin Barnes have been there since the beginning working every week without them this important ministry would not still be here four years later. Thank you ladies!

Thank you to our many volunteers who have helped out at Thread by Thread the past four years. If you have never taken the time to volunteer or even visit, please do so.

Many of the people who visit are very friendly and appreciative. There are school counselors, social workers and other organizations that visit to look for clothes for their students or clients. There are grandparents that come for their grandchildren. There are many who are in search of jobs who need interview clothes. There are plenty of stories and reasons they come but most of all they are thankful that Bethania has given them the opportunity to “shop” for clothes they need but can’t afford over the last four years.

During the month of June, 177 families were served. Thread by thread has served over 10,000 families over the last 4 years.

Lastly, thank you to the congregation of Bethania for supporting this ministry through donations, prayers and changeovers without you Thread by Thread wouldn’t be here either.

Let’s pray that the next four years will be just as amazing if not more so.
FROM THE MAILBOX

The family of Lillian Mathison would like to thank the congregation of Bethania Lutheran Church for their love and care during Lillian’s life and for their thoughts and prayers during their time of sadness. It has been very much appreciated.

FROM THE PEWS

Jacob & the fish he caught while on vacation.

Look who went shopping with Grandpa John & Grandma Robin.
Summer Splash for Kids and teens!

Fun! Fun! Fun! Although it was a little cool, an awesome was had. There were lots of water fights and sliding going on.

Kidz Kampfire

Wednesday, August 12th

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Join us for hot dogs and s’mores.
Games, songs and skits led by our own Boy Scout Troop # 242.

Annual Kid Zone Sleepover - Postponed

Due to everyone’s busy summer schedules the Kids Zone Sleepover was postponed. Keep your eyes open for a new date!
Is Kurtis considering a career as a professional bowler?
Nope… just bowling with Pastor for Youth group in July!

Youth Group Aqua Ducks trip Thursday July 23

On a warm sunny July afternoon Bethania had 3 carloads of people go out to Brown’s Lake to see the Schoff family in the Aquaduck Jr. Show at 5:00 p.m. It was a great show and we have some pictures to share with those who didn’t come. The show is every Thursday at 5:00 p.m. through early October if you want to go out and see them.

Bonnie, Noah & Grete
During the month of July the Boy Scouts learned about Animal Care. Dr. Schmid’s Mobile Vet Clinic came to visit and talked to the boys about how to care for animals as well as they talked about how much care some animals need versus other pets. The boys brought their pets in for “show and tell” they needed to learn things about their pets to share with the other boys such as where did their animals originate.

The Boys also had to complete their swim tests for the year so they had 2 nights where they went to U.W. Parkside and were tested so they were ready for summer camp. Eleven boys and three leaders left for Summer camp on Sunday July 26th at 8:00 a.m. and they will return on Saturday, August 1st.

On Monday July 20th, 6 scouts reached the rank of Tenderfoot, they are: Calaway Alderson, Will Beaner, Willie Peters, Addison James-Perkins, Carter Sura and Teddy Hoffman.
**Worship Time**

Some older and health-challenged members have expressed that they have some trouble getting to church at 9:00 a.m. because getting up and out is difficult. Because of this, council has approved a survey of worshipping members about Bethania’s worship time to see where we are with it as a congregation. An insert has been appearing in the bulletin for members to fill out and leave in the offering plate. Participants are asked to rate the following options:

- _____ Keep Worship at 9:00
- _____ Push it back to (circle one):
  - 9:15
  - 9:30
  - 9:45
  - 10:00
- _____ Keep Worship at 9:00 during Summer, but make it later during school year (circle preference):
  - 9:15
  - 9:30
  - 9:45
  - 10:00

Please vote only once. Thank you!

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**Elf At It Again!**

Brad Larsen isn’t just helping make the grounds beautiful. His tithe of time and talent has also included repairing and glazing windows and taking years of salt and grime off the floor of the narthex! Thanks, Brad!

Brad invites friendly feedback on his work.

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**Bethania Family Game Night**

Join us…

August 21st at 6:00 p.m.

For pizza, fun and games!

Bring your favorite game or come see what we have here to play!
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