

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome all God's people to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve.

Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Bethany. If you have questions for the pastor or church office, please call at 630.879.3444 or visit our website at www.bethanybatavia.org. Welcome!

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand or prefer to sit during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated.

Children's Resources

Children's worship bulletins are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery

While not staffed, the nursery is open for parents who may find it helpful. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, where you will find a changing table, rocking chair and some toys. You can still hear the worship service through a speaker in the room. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

Cell Phones and Pagers

Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

Holy Communion

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to the pastor.

As We Gather:

In today's Gospel, a grieving and tired Jesus invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Even in a moment of exhaustion, feeding the hungry multitude and revealing the abundance of God is Jesus' priority. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Two Settings: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Lau Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Compassionate God, who loves all people in all moments, Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P Most merciful God,
- We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
 We are often greedy in our wants and desires.
 We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 For the sake of your Son, Iesus Christ, have mercy on us.
 - For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

 As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb en e zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home. let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love, Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove. he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

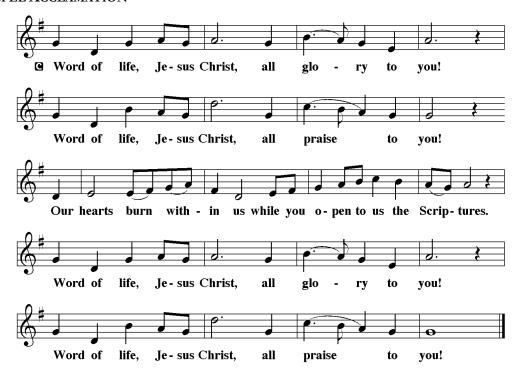
- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

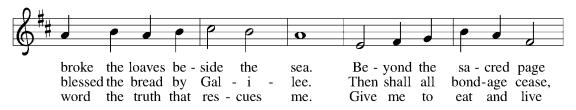
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska Matthew 14:13–21







Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

APOSTLES' CREED

- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- L You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

+ MEAL +

PEACE OF CHRIST

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING MUSIC: Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; In cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds a mystery, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; In our doubt there is believing; in our life eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- L Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,
- C the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord, Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give God thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Who loves, celebrates, and grieves with us and who is ever aware of our needs. We are blessed to be his body in the world.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Creating God and Loving Lord,

the heavens and the earth reflect your majesty.

The dawning of each new day brings with it the promise of new life.

Every sunrise carries the hope of grace.

Every summer rain calls forth new growth.

Every sunset beckons peace into our world.

Every night the stars and celestial bodies show off the brilliance of your artistic creativity.

And every time we gather for this meal, the human family is brought together across all times and places.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,

he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

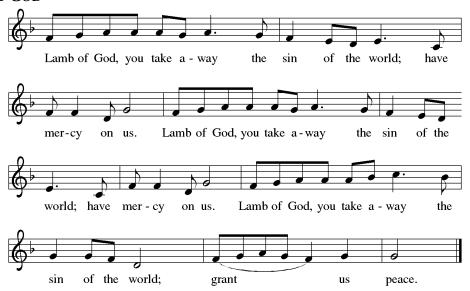
Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

- P These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P All are welcome at the Lord's table. Come, for all is now ready. We sit.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to his banquet meal. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

Gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request and for those desiring it, non-alcoholic wine cups are in the center of the tray.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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- 1 All who hun -ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly our bread. man - na is
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er be wel-come guest. strang - ers; seek - er, a
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in will be fed. truth we keep the feast. Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us food. our We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood. Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i tude.



Taste and Taste and see that God is good. see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good. see that God is good. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

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- 1 O liv ing Bread from heav en, how well you feed your guest!
- 2 My Sav-ior, you have led me with in your ho-liest place,
- 3 You gave me all I want ed; this food can death de stroy.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well-strength-ened with heav'n-ly food, while here



The gifts that you have and here your-self have And you have free - ly my course on earth is giv - en have fed me with grant - ed the length - ened, to filled my heart with rest. trea - sures of your grace; cup of end - less joy. serve you, free from fear;



0 won-drous food of bless - ing! O that heals our woes! cup for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown, and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank-ful song o'er - flows! shall not the bread of life from heav - en, that now I die. and spir - it bow down be - fore your and all my soul throne. where I will you glad songs in end-less ev - er raise joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
- C Amen.
- Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

P The eternal Creator calls us.

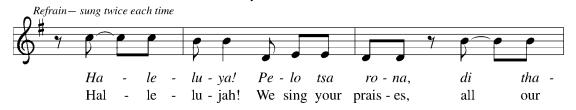
The risen Savior sends us.

The dynamic Spirit empowers us.

Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

C Amen.

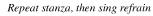
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Text: South African; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984 Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African Tr. © 1984 Utryck, admin. Walton Music Corp.

DISMISSAL

- L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Bread of Life Gregory Hamilton

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Pastor Steve Ritter, Worship Leader
Mark Waldron, Organist
Ellen Grashorn, Reader
Doug Boehm, Ryan Pieratt, A/V
Dorothy Thorsen, Nancy Freedlund, Altar Guild
Danny Durbin, Abbigail Harmon, Acolytes
Ralph Beck, Usher
Pastor Steve Ritter, Ruth Beck, Jackie Page,
Comm Asst's

STAFF

Jeffrey Mikyska, Senior Pastor Mark Waldron, Director of Music Alan Spear, Organist Darlene Hutchens, Church Administrator Susan Jarocki, Administrative Assistant Emma Hess, Youth Director Ed McQuillan, Financial Secretary

YOUR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Todd Toles, President Alan Spear, Vice President Marsha Schuster, Secretary Steve Mickelson, Treasurer Doug Boehm Karol Clark Brad Hirt

Lane Stahl, Soloist

Dale Howard Billy Hutchens Rich Kreis Pastor Jeff Mikyska Kathy Richmond Mia Rusev Lane Stahl

If you have questions or concerns for members of the Church Council you're invited to speak with them personally or via email to <u>council@bethanybatavia.org</u>.

Bethany's Vision: We are a Grace-based, people-powered, refuge for all.

Code of Conduct: At Bethany, we believe everyone should live a faithful life in service with charity, kindness and integrity, and treat others with respect and understanding, act responsibly, and serve as an example of Christian faith in action.

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LET US PRAY...

We pray for all who are hospitalized in our greater community and for those who are serving them.

Please pray for those who are part of the life of Bethany who struggle with illness and other concerns:

Mary Bradtmueller, Diane Garland, Debbie Garrison, Shirley Grant, Marie Holtz, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, JoAnn Sargent, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan, Brigitte Winkler

Please pray for those who are homebound and those in a care facility:

Mark Anderson Silverado Memory Care, St Charles

Lois Elfstrom Aurora, IL
Dolores Hoffman Heritage Woods
Bill Keele Heritage Woods
Pam Klingberg Heritage Woods

Wanda Krentz Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad Mildred Miller Reserve of Geneva, Geneva

Rhonda Nelson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad Joan Olson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Jay & Carol Wierz Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

Please pray for all those serving in the military, especially those who are connected to our congregation.

Owen Schuster

Please pray for our family and friends:

Marilyn Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman
Maggie Prokes Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Tracy Clark Sister of Tara Shannon

Sarah McCarthy Friend of Jan Bristow & Kathy Richmond

Mary Lawrence Sister-in-Law of Carole Benson Steven & Janice Brown & Grace Friends of Tom & Dee Schuman

Lee Peterson Friend of Dottie White
Loda George Ricker Friend of Fred & Ann Holch
Calvin, Diane & Family Friends of Kathy Richmond
Vicki Johnson Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk

Christine Smith On the passing of her brother, Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

Katie Taylor Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler Jane Wirth Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler

Michelle Hartzell Friend of Beth Richard

Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA (fire)

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry

Rick Gaston Friend of Ann Holch

Bob Gustafson Husband of Cindy Gustafson/Father to Nate Gustafson & Janna Stahl

Bonnie & Jim Hines Parents of Suzanne Grashorn

Tina Motter Sister of Jackie Page
Mary Hughs Sister of Jackie Page
Dottie Friend of Paulette Smigo
Diane Sharp Friend of Ed Schalk
Lizzie Bork Friend of Julie Howard
Nancy Sister of Karol Clark
Jeffrey Campbell Nephew of Nan Phillips

Kate and Family Friend of John & Karol Clark
Damon Schultz Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone
Sue S. Friend of Bob & Sue Novy

Nicole Friend of Linda Sullivan

Alice Hendrikson Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymiller
Maureen Scollon Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White

Chris Sidler Friend of Luke & Diane Land Lisa Friend of Beth Richard

Lynn Krambeer Stoddard Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

HeatherFriend of Schuman FamilyGretchen VanKempemaDaughter of Ann HolchRyan AndersonSon of Aaron Anderson

Linda Raish Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn

Vic and Anne Lee Friends of Debbie Garrison

Lynne Morrow Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard

Kenzie Friend of Katie Robertson
Floyd Anderson Beth Richard's Father
Paul Mazen

Bonnie Palshis Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher & family,

Phil Lynn Dreymiller's brother Kathy Dee's Family Teri Figura

Mary Jo Benstein's Family

Susan Sheley

Daughter o

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Daughter of Louise Pruitt
Bonnie

Friend of Pastor Jeff
Carole W.

Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
Brad Blue

Friend of Lois Benson

Diane Ekstam JohnsonMother of Mary Helen EkstamTammy EnglishDaughter of Shirley StreidlJerry MartinFather of Nicki McVeyTeri ProkesSister of Sue & Bob Novy

Tony Prokes Brother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy

Kelli Robertson Daughter of Diane Schalk

Wolfgang Smailus Brother-in-law of Marty Offutt Gruber

Ed Stahl Father of Dan Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Pam Paszotta Sister of Dee (Tom) Schuman

Pat Quast

Janis Graffagna Sister of Jerry Hodge, Gregg Hodge & Sandra Wagner

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, August 6		
9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
4:45pm	Bethany – Softball League Game	Peck Farm Field #3
Monday, August 7		
•	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Counters.	Conference Room
Tuesday, August 8		
3 · C	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry	
	Property Committee	
	Staff Planning Meeting	
	Executive Team	
6:30pm	DV Support Group	Youth Room/Courtyard
6:30pm	Girls BSA Troop 606	Vlahn Room/Gym
7pm	Fox River Radio League	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, August 9		
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Senior Advocacy Group	
1pm	Organ Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, August 10		
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Boy Scout Troop 6	
Friday, August 11		
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Food Pantry Serving	
Saturday, August 12		
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