



# This Week at Bethany



## Sunday Morning at Bethany

### Worship Services

- 8a ..... **Traditional Worship in Chapel**
- 9a ..... **Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary**
- 11a ..... **Traditional Worship in Sanctuary**

### Children

- 8:15a-8:55a..... Children’s Chimes: 221
- 9a-10:15a..... **Sunday School: 222/223/225**
- 9:15a, 10:15a..... Preschool & Childrens Choirs: 225

### Youth

- 10a ..... Middle School Youth Group: 221
- 10a ..... High School Youth Group: YR
- 11a ..... Confirmation: YR

### Adults

- 8:15a, 10:30a..... Choir Warm-ups: Sanc
- 8:45a ..... Fellowship & Refreshments: FH
- 9a ..... Faithlink Class: 220
- 10a ..... Happy Birthday to You!: FH

### Fellowship

8:45am — 11:00am

Join us in Fellowship Hall each Sunday for coffee and treats. If you’re a visitor, we’d love the opportunity to meet you and get to know you.

### Happy Birthday to You!

We’ll be wishing people with birthdays in July, August, and September a “Happy Birthday” with some cake and a party. If you have a birthday in any of these months, we will be celebrating it today at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come eat birthday cake and sing happy birthday.

## Other Events This Week

### Sunday, September 24th

- Sunday mornings.....(see schedule in left column)
- 1p-1:30p..... \*WI Children’s Choir—Retreat Return: Ch/Lib
- 6p-8:30p..... \*Madison Chamber Choir: Ch

### Monday 25th

- 9:30a-10:30a .....The Playing Field Tour: 222
- 1:30p-3p.....Reflections Book Study: Lib
- 5p-9p ..... \*WI Children’s Choir: Ch/Lib
- 6:30p-7:45p..... Cub Scouts: FH/222/223/225/228/YR

### Tuesday 26th

- 10a-11:30a ..... Back to School with Brad: 222
- 11:30a-1:30p..... Luke House Noon Meal: Offsite
- 6:30p-8:30p..... \*Chromatix A Cappella Choir: 225
- 6:30p-8:45p..... \*Madison Flute Choir: FH
- 7p-9p ..... \*Martial Arts: 228

### Wednesday 27th

- 9:30a-10:30a ..... Morning Yoga: Ch (312)
- 12p-2p ..... \*Overeaters Anonymous: 220
- 7p-8:30p..... Long Range Planning Council: 228

### Thursday 28th

- 10a-11:30a ..... Pastor Greg’s Bible Study: 228
- 6:15p-7:30p..... Bethany Carillons: 221
- 6:30p-7:30p..... Praise Song: Sanc
- 7p-8:30p..... 20s & 30s Bible Study: 222
- 7p-8:30p..... Racial Justice Sub Team: 112
- 7:30p-9p..... Chancel Choir: Ch

### Friday 29th

..... No Events Scheduled

### Saturday 30th

..... No Events Scheduled

**\* A group from the community**



# Sunday, September 24, 2017



### Bethany’s Vision for the World:

Every person feels, knows, and shares God’s love.

### Bethany’s Mission:

We invite all to journey together — exploring and sharing Christ’s reconciling love in real and relevant ways.



## Upcoming Activities



**Reflections Book Study** will meet Monday, September 25 at 1:30 pm in the church library to talk about the book, *Find the Good: Unexpected Life Lessons from a Small-Town Obituary Writer* by Heather Lende. As the obituary writer, Heather Lende knows something about last words and lives well lived. Now she’s distilled what she’s learned about how to live a more exhilarating and meaningful life into three words: find the good. It’s that simple--and that hard. All are invited to attend whether you have read the book or not.

**Conscious Discipline Programs:** The Playing Field is sponsoring programs at the Middleton Performing Arts Center that will focus on Conscious Discipline. On Friday, October 27th at 6pm, Donna Porter and DJ Batiste will be the speakers at a free program. On Saturday, October 28, 9 - 3, a seminar and workshop will be held. Contact Linda Holthaus for more information.

### Ongoing Adult Education

**20s to 30s Bible Study** meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm (excluding 2nd Thursdays of the month). Childcare is provided. Email tjknapp@wisc.edu for more details.

**Back to School with Brad** meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. This year’s study is *The World Was Never the Same: Events that Changed History*. All are welcome anytime.

**Pastor Greg’s Bible Study** meets Thursdays at 10:00 am in Room 228. This year the focus is on the Gospel of Luke.

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Rev. Greg Jewison, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Brad Mather, Pastor of Visitation



September 24, 2017

8:00, 9:00, and 11:00 am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing for Worship

What would the world look like if life were more fair? How can we make things more fair in our families, our workplaces, our community, our nation, and our world?

Our Bible Focus Today

"I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

(Matthew 20:14b-16)

9:00 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — Clowns: "Heavenly Employment Agency" (children are dismissed to Sunday School afterwards)

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* SONG led by "Praise Song" Taras Nahirmiak, Director

JOYS & CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, and LORD'S PRAYER

BIBLE READING and MESSAGE Pastor Greg

GATHERING OF GIFTS and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* SONG and SENDING FORTH

8:00 & 11:00 Worship

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00) Sue Poullette, Organist "Aria" (Paul Manz, 1919-2009) "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" (David Cherwien, b. 1957)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out our Friendship Pad, pass it to your neighbor and return it to the aisle.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving and Patient God, we have to admit that we grumble too much. We are easily stampeded by the promises of those around us, only to wonder how we end up where we find ourselves. We see so much of everything on our devices, and become convinced we deserve more. Though we know others have the same struggles, we have trouble standing by their side. Forgive us, as you continue to shower us with your steadfast love. You are so slow to anger, and yet rush to share your grace with us. May we continue to seek to live in the way of justice, hope, and peace shown to us through the example of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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\* HYMN #139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

ANTHEM (11:00) "Healing River" (Hayes) Chancel Choir — Taras Nahirmiak, Director

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

JOYS & CONCERNS ("Lord, hear our prayers") and PASTORAL PRAYER LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

\* HYMN (11:00) #121 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

BIBLE READING Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSV)

1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

MESSAGE Series: "Offering Healing in a Fractured World" Pastor Greg This Week: "Do You Want Jesus in Your HR Department?"

GATHERING OF GIFTS (11:00) "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (Bach, 1685-1750) \* DOXOLOGY #94 and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* HYMN #126 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

\* SENDING FORTH

CLOSING MUSIC (11:00) "Lord, Be Glorified" (Emma Lou Diemer, b. 1927)

Mission of the Month

September's "Simple Gifts" offering (loose coins in the offering plates, and donations by cash or check in mission envelopes) will help support Harvest of Hope, a statewide program that supports Wisconsin farm families in distress. The intent of the fund is to provide a simple process for Wisconsin farm families in crisis to receive financial help. Families submit a brief application and a financial planning form, which are reviewed by the Harvest of Hope Committee. Gifts of up to \$1,000 are sent directly to the families in need. Every dollar donated to the fund goes directly to farm families in need.

Helping in Worship

Pianist 8:00 am Deb Kuehl

Ushers 8:00 am Brian Wertz 9:00 am Bill & Betsy Tishler, Margie Zutter, Nancy O'Malley 11:00 am Sandra Arrington, Cecile Tuong, Rod McKenzie, Allan Shands

Liturgists 8:00 am Shirley Kramer 9:00 am ... 11:00 am Ellen Buss

Audio/Visual Slide Prep Matthew Mayeshiba & Todd Reck Sun. Tech Craig Jacobson

\* Asterisks indicate an invitation to stand as able.

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