

Bethany Lutheran Church

March Newsletter 2026



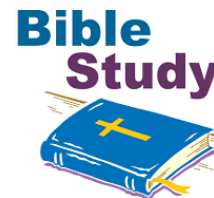
WELCA MEETING

Ladies of the Peace Circle will be meeting on March 17th at 2 pm at church.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the church council will be meeting on Wednesday, March 19th at 6:30 pm at church.



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Join us for weekly bible study on the book of Daniel. We will meet each Tuesday at 5 pm alternating between Bethany and Trinity. Check out the bulletin for that week's meeting place.

Easter Garden Slips



Slips are in the narthex for anyone interested in giving a flower in honor or memory of a loved one for the Easter Garden this year. Forms can either be placed in the basket provided or given to Larissa. All forms must be turned into the office no later than Friday, April 3rd to be included in the Easter bulletin. Flowers should be at church by Saturday, April 4th by 10 am to be included in the Easter Garden.



Clay Trittelwitz, Wendy Hoefs, Becky Crocker, Terri Pearson, Gary Olby, Judy Janke, Carol Bowman, Susie Retzer, Karen Smestad, Jon Java, Sandy Nohava, Mike Ott, and Sharon Fossum.



PASTOR CONNECTION MARCH 2026

“31 Then Jesus said . . . “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” John 8:31-32

Greetings friends and partners in ministry,

We are now into our annual Lenten journey. As you know, Lent is a forty-day season (excluding Sundays) in our church year where we are invited into a personal and communal discipleship journey focused on “penitence, fasting and preparation for the Three Days of Holy Week and Easter.” When this practice was first initiated, Lent was a time when Catechumens, those preparing for baptism at Easter, would fast and spend days in intense preparation. For those that were already baptized, Lent was a period to be renewed in their faith by studying the Bible, the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer. I think this practice of reflection and renewal is still important and worthy of our consideration during this Lenten season.

During March, we will continue our in-depth study of John’s gospel and how it reflects the basics of our Christian faith during our Sunday morning worship. During one of our mid-week Lenten homilies I shared that, according to John 20:30-31, John wrote his eyewitness gospel account of Jesus’ life in order to bring readers to a belief in Jesus and supplemented his gospel with three letters, 1,2,and 3 John, to outline how faith in Jesus influences the living out our faith, (e.g., God is light, so walk in the light; God is Spirit, so worship God in the proper spirit; God is love, so demonstrate that love to others.) Therefore, as a part of our Lenten discipleship

journey together we will be exploring what John is trying to teach us in these letters during our mid-week Lenten worship.

As an additional means for reflecting on how faith affects our habits of thought and corresponding modes of living, we are conducting a weekly Bible study entitled, “Daniel in the King’s Court – Resistance Through Faithfulness” where we will reflect on the first seven chapters of the Old Testament book of Daniel. In that study, we will be exploring how his faith shaped Daniel’s identity; how Daniel’s character was reflected through his actions; how trusting in God’s sovereignty impacts faithfulness and courage; the impact of faith on instilling and embodying hope. Throughout this discipleship journey I will attempt to illustrate how the teachings from Old Testament texts intersect with and add depth to our understanding and application of New Testament teachings.

Sundays in Lent at Bethany and Trinity

Worship:	Gospel Text	Sermon Topic
March 1:	John 13:1-7	Jesus Washes the Disciple’s Feet
March 8:	John:18:12-27	Peter’s Denial
March 15:	John 18:28-40	Jesus Before Pilate
March 22:	John 19:1-16a	Jesus Condemned
March 29: (Palm Sunday)		
	John 19:16b-22	The Crucified Messiah
April 2: (Maundy Thursday)		
	John 19:23-30	Jesus’ Last Words
April 3: (Good Friday)		
	John 19:31-42	Jesus – The Passover Lamb
April 5: (Easter)		
	John 20:1-18	The Resurrection of Jesus

Continued blessings to you all,
Pastor Tim

Lent

A TIME OF REFLECTION
AND REPENTANCE

SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPERS

Soup service beginning at 5:30 pm
Worship service beginning at 6:30 pm
February 25th at Bethany
March 4th at Trinity
March 11th at Bethany
March 18th at Trinity
March 25th at Bethany

Volunteers will be needed to provide food,
setup/cleanup/service. Please see the
sign-up sheet in the narthex if you can help.

"He is not here, He has risen!"
Celebrate the Resurrection with Us

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Service

Sunday, March 29th at 11 am
Bethany Lutheran

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30 pm
Trinity Lutheran

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 3rd at 6:30 pm
Bethany Lutheran

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 5th at 7:30 am
Bethany Lutheran

Easter Breakfast following Service





2026 Easter Garden Flowers

If you are interested in giving a flower for the Easter Garden, please fill out and give this form to Larissa or leave in the basket by Friday, April 3rd to have your flowers acknowledged in the Easter Sunday service.

The flowers need to be here by noon on Saturday, April 4th to be included in the Easter Garden.

Thank you!

Please Check One:

☐ *This Flower is in Honor of:*

☐ *This Flower is in Memory of:*

This Flower is Given by:



WALKING TOGETHER

Church Without Walls

March 21, 2026

8:00 – 4:00

\$25 Per Participant

Bethany Lutheran Church – Rice Lake, WI

Keynote Speaker: Natalia Terfa



Register and Details Here:

<https://nswi.org/walking-together-event>





He Is Risen

30 DAY BIBLE READING PLAN | ORGANICCHRISTIANLIVING.COM

The Plot

Day 1: 1 Corinthians 1:18-2

Day 2: Matthew 20:17-19
+ John 11:12-11

Day 3: Luke 19:28-44

Day 4: Luke 19:45-20

Day 5: John 12:27-50

Day 6: Luke 22:1-23
+ John 13:1-30

Day 7: John 13:31-14

Day 8: John 17

The Crucifixion

Day 9: Matthew 26:36-56

Day 10: Luke 22:54-65
+ Matthew 26:57-68

Day 11: Luke 23:1-25
+ John 18:28-19:1-16

Day 12: Matthew 27:27-44
+ Luke 23:39-43
+ John 19:25-27

Day 13: Matthew 27:45-56
+ Luke 23:44-49
+ John 19:28-37

Day 14: Psalm 22
+ Isaiah 52:13-15,53
+ John 15:9-17

Day 15: Mark 15:42-47
+ Matthew 27:62-66,16:13-27

The Resurrection

Day 16: Matthew 28:1-10
+ John 20:1-18

Day 17: Luke 24:13-49
+ 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Day 18: John 20:19-31

Day 19: John 21

Day 20: Mark 16:14-20
+ Acts 1:1-11

Day 21: Romans 5-6:14

Day 22: Romans 8:1-17
+ Galatians 3:26-4:7

The Gospel

Day 23: Acts 2

Day 24: Acts 3

Day 25: Acts 4:1-31

Day 26: Acts 5:12-42

Day 27: John 15:18-25
+ Hebrews 12:1-4

Day 28: 1 Corinthians 15:1-23
+ Romans 3:21-26
+ Romans 10:9-17

Day 29: 1 Peter 3:13-17
+ Colossians 4:2-6

Day 30: 2 Timothy 2:23-26
+ 1 Timothy 4:12-16

MAY THE ROAD
RISE TO MEET
YOU
MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT
YOUR BACK
MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM
THE UPON YOUR FACE
THE RAINS FALL UPON YOUR
SOFT FIELDS
AND, UNTIL
WE MEET AGAIN
MAY GOD HOLD YOU
IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND

HAPPY
St. Patrick's
DAY