

Bethany Lutheran Church

April Newsletter 2026



Bethany Easter Garden

Thank you to everyone who gave flowers in honor or memory of loved ones for this year's Easter Garden. It was an absolutely beautiful display of color!



Ladies of the Peace Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, April 14th at 2:00 p.m. at church.



Members of the church council will be meeting on Wednesday, April 15th at 6:30 pm at church.



Bridal Shower for Leah Ticknor

Leah Ticknor and Kyle Appel are getting married June 20th! We will be having a bridal card shower for Leah. A basket will be placed in the entry to collect cards April 12th-May 3rd or you can give them to Lynn or Sue H. Cards will be mailed to Leah on May 4th.



WORSHIP AT CCC

Bethany will be leading worship services at CCC on Sunday, April 12th at 2 pm. All are welcome to attend the service.



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



PASTOR CONNECTION

APRIL 2026

“Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, so I send you. When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” John 20:21

Greetings friends and partners in ministry,

We are now deep into our annual Lenten journey preparing for the passion journey of Jesus, his resurrection on Easter, his engagement with his disciples, post-resurrection, and the giving of the gift of the Holy Spirit as an Advocate for the disciples. During these early post-resurrection weeks, we also begin to witness the forming of the early church and learning about those who formed it.

Therefore during April, we will complete our in-depth study of John’s gospel and begin to delve into the book of Acts, the second book attributed to Luke, during our Sunday morning worship. April will also be a time for me to focus on the workings within the larger church by preparing essays related to my pending candidacy approval through the Synod (scheduled for June 4, 2026), participating in my second Internship Retreat (April 20-22), and attending the NW Wisconsin Synod Assembly (April 25, 2026).

Continuing to reflect on how faith affects our habits of thought and corresponding modes of living, we will conclude our weekly Bible study entitled, “Daniel in the King’s Court –Resistance Through Faithfulness” in April. Additionally, we will prayerfully explore the logistics and our means for expanding care and fellowship to those within our internal and extended communities who are dealing with obstacles for attending worship and/or seeking relief from loneliness and/or social isolation. Lastly, we will be initiating some programming for senior high youth, including planning for a special, senior high led worship service in May to recognize those from our faith communities who are graduating from high school (and any of their interested friends who are not affiliated with a faith community).

As always, I look forward to collaborating with you as we live out our faith in community with each other.

Sundays and Holy Week in April at Bethany and Trinity

<u>Worship:</u>	<u>Gospel Text</u>	<u>Sermon Topic</u>
March 29:	John 19:16b-22	The Crucified Messiah
April 2:	John 19:23-30	Jesus’ Last Words
April 3:	John 19:31-42	Jesus – The Passover Lamb
April 5:	John 20:1-18	The Resurrection of Jesus
April 12:	John 20:19-31	Doubting Thomas
April 19	Acts 9:1-19a	Paul’s Conversion
April 26	Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas

May God’s peace be with you!
Intern Pastor Tim



WELCA Apple River Conference
Spring into Life Gathering

Saturday, April 25th
Luck Lutheran in Luck, WI

Registration and Coffee at 8:00 am
Program at 9:00 am and Lunch at Noon

Guest Speaker:

Penne Sewell will be helping us to see and
experience God in our lives each day.

Price is \$15.00 per person
which includes coffee and lunch

Register with Dorothy by April 15th.
Carpooling to the event is being planned.



April 25, 2026

8:00 - 4:30

Bethany Lutheran Church - Rice Lake, WI

\$50 per person

Join us for our annual assembly! This event, with delegates from across the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, will be a time of fellowship, worship, discussion, ministry updates and reports, and resolutions for the work we do together. Registration Deadline April 10. No late registrations.



FACULTY FOLLIES

APRIL 18 / 3:00 & 7:00

OPEN TO ALL

Dollars for Scholars District Fundraiser
music - skits - & more

GRANTSBURG HS AUDITORIUM

Tickets go on sale Monday, March 30th
Available @ Public Library or HS Front Office !

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

