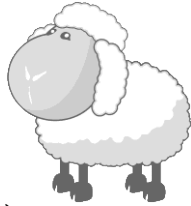


# Bethany Beacon

April 2025

Dear Friends in Christ:



As you read this the Church (that's us) will be deep into Lent. This time of reflection and remembrance of our Lord's love for us is critical in shaping us to be those who follow Christ and who hear his command over and over again--love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Lent is the 'pause' button that helps us reorient ourselves to God in Christ and reorient ourselves to serving the neighbor.

Soon we will be at the Triduum--we will be at the Three Days--where we trace those last days of the life of Jesus on this earth. It begins with the Supper in the upper room as Jesus gives his Body and Blood for the disciples and for all of us. We remember this event on Maundy Thursday which begins the Triduum (the three days). And we remember his betrayal by one of his own. A somber celebration for sure.

The second day of the Triduum is Good Friday. It is here that we hear what our Lord went through as he moved closer to death and finally what he endured in the throes of death. He cries out on that Friday, "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" and it is frightening and painful for us to hear how even Jesus feels separated from the Father in this time of crisis. What depth of love our Lord has for us as he gives his entire self away for each of us and for the whole of creation.

The third day of the Triduum is a day of expectation and anticipation. We know what follows Holy Saturday, but on this day Christians around the world keep a vigil, keep watch while holding the death of Jesus in our hearts knowing that the promised life will happen the next day. A powerful time as we remember that death follows life and that life follows death in Jesus.

The Triduum leads us into Easter--a day of celebration for the power of death has been conquered through the resurrection of Jesus our Lord. We cry out, "He is Risen!" and we are promised that we too shall rise to new life. But we must not forget the scars.

Participating in the Triduum is not a glorious happy time but is necessary and important as we seek to cling to Jesus. We are to recognize that whatever happens in life to us has already happened to Jesus. He goes into our depths and up to our heights with us for he has been to all those places and whatever is between. I invite you to participate in the Maundy Thursday worship and the Good Friday worship this year as you prepare for the most monumental event in all of the world--the resurrection of our Lord. May peace be with you all.

Pr. Vicki Taylor

## **Bethany Lenten Schedule** *Please Join us!*

**4/9 - 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper, 6:15 p.m. Service**

*(Please let Jody know if you would like to make soup) 😊*

## **Holy Week and Easter Services**

**4/13 - 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Service**

**4/17 – 6:15 p.m. Maunday Thursday Service**

**4/18 – 6:15 p.m. Good Friday Service**

**4/20 – 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Service**



# Sunday Service Schedule

Date	Greeters/ Ushers	Reader	Fellowship	Communion
4/6/25	Beth Anderson	Beth Anderson	Liz Elton Beth & Phil Thompson	Diane Cook
4/13/25	Jeff & Amy Carter	Jeff Carter	Carol Bean Jean Mattila	
4/20/25	Ron Drake Rich Anderson	Marty Christensen	<i>No fellowship</i>	Diane Loudon
4/27/25	Larry & Shirley Nixon	Jenna Lyytinen	Sheila & Tim Maki Jenna & Kyle Lyytinen	
5/4/25	John & Barb Tornes	Barb Tornes	Paula & Andy Shaw Janet & Marty Christensen	Greg Shaw



Volunteers appreciated! If you would like to take a turn serving coffee for fellowship, greeting, ushering, reading or assisting with communion, please let Diane Nelson know so you can be added to the list.

## April Birthday Wishes!

7 - Nikki Osse  
Harper Nelson  
9 - Bruce Hemphill  
Aspen Vogl  
10 – Donna Sunell  
11 – Kathryn Anderson  
12 – Gunnar Hebrink

14 – Dale Grife  
23 - Logan Schumacher  
28 - Jace Swanson  
29 - Doug Kutschat  
30 – Michelle Anderson  
Gregory Shaw  
Beth Thompson



## ANNIVERSARY WISHES

17 - Jeff & Diane Loudon  
23 – Aubrey & Adam DeYoung  
25 - Bryan & Sue Harris

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