

Bethany Beacon

March 2025



Dear Bethany Members and Friends,

I have been leading worship here at Bethany since November, and it occurs to me that you know very little about me. You have met my husband, Jim. We have been married for 56 years and have three children. TJ, our oldest, lives in Blaine, MN. He and his wife Christie have three adult children, Catherine, Faye and Steven. Our son, Jason and his wife Lauren live in Mt. Vernon, TX and our daughter, Kayan and her husband Marc and their three children, Adalae, Roman and Calla live in Austin, TX.

I finished the School of Lay Ministry in 1996 and then spent a few years doing pulpit supply around the area before being called by Bowstring Chapel full time pulpit supply. I've been at Bowstring for nearly twenty years and will continue till they no longer desire my services. We are also members of Zion Lutheran, where I serve on the Church Council, serve as the Funeral Coordinator and Jim locks up the church every day.

Last Fall, the Holy Spirit began nudging me as we drove by Bethany on our way to Bowstring...*you could help them with pulpit supply, you know just call them...*I tried ignoring the nudges, but it didn't work...so here I am to fill-in during the call process. I look forward to

getting to know each of you, a bit more in the time that I am here.

In just a few days we will begin the Season of Lent and our journey to the darkness of the cross and then, praise God, we go beyond to the Resurrection. During Lent, each week we will meet for Overheard Conversations by the Cross. These dialogues will give us a chance to visit conversations that might have happened between people who were there. If you are willing to partake in one of these short dialogues, please let either Jody Anderson or me know. We will have a Soup Supper and time of fellowship prior to each Lenten Service.

As I write this it is 40 degrees outside, so I hope you are taking advantage of it as we look forward to the newness in the promise of Spring!

-Sharron

** Please feel free to contact our Worship Leader, Sharron Lewis, if you have a need or question.*

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Cell: 218-259-6923 (she texts too!)

Lenton "Fasting"

The time of Lent is often a time where we "give up" or "deny" ourselves of some pleasure. Here is a list of other worthwhile things to think about giving up and if we can accomplish giving them up or fasting from them, perhaps that action will become just a "normal" part of our lives. Remember, if given the choice, kindness and love always win.

Fast from hurting words to speak only with kindness

Fast from sadness and be filled with happiness and gratitude

Fast from anger to be filled with patience and peace

Fast from pessimism to be filled with hope

Fast from worries to trust in God

Fast from complaining to focus on the positive

Fast from pressures to be more relaxed and prayerful

Fast from bitterness to fill your hearts with joy

Fast from selfishness to be compassionate and generous to others

Fast from grudges to be reconciled

Fast from words to be silent so you can listen



Bethany Lenton Schedule

Please Join us!

**3/5 - 6:15 pm Ash Wednesday Service
(no soup supper)**

3/12 - 5:30pm Soup Supper, 6:15pm Service

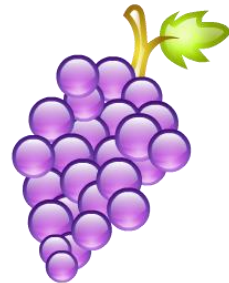
3/19 - 5:30pm Soup Supper, 6:15pm Service

3/26 - 5:30pm Soup Supper, 6:15pm Service

4/2 - 5:30pm Soup Supper, 6:15pm Service

4/9 - 5:30pm Soup Supper, 6:15pm Service

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



Please send your Bethany news to:

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Sunday Service Schedule



Date	Greeters/ Ushers	Reader	Fellowship	Communion
3/2/25	Don & Robbie Osse	Andy Shaw	Andy & Paula Shaw Jeff & Amy Carter	Greg Shaw
3/9/25	Chad & Margie Schumacher	Chuck Elton	Don & Robbie Osse Nikki Osse	
3/16/25	Marty & Janet Christensen	Rich Anderson	Liz Sprague Diane Nelson	Marty Christensen
3/23/25	Chuck & Liz Elton	Ann Hedquist	Diane Cook Phil & Beth Thompson	
3/30/25	Ron & Shirley Olesen	Bryan Harris	Bryan & Sue Harris Abby Kuschel	
4/6/25	Beth Anderson	Beth Anderson	Jeff & Mary Grife, Chad & Margie Schumacher	Diane Cook



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

March Birthday Wishes!

1 - Tim Maki
 9 - Tanya Hebrink
 13 - Arlen Bieganski
 Lori Reigel
 15 - Casey Jensen
 19 - Jacob Osse

20 - Jane Sundin
 24 - Colten Amy
 28 - Jack Carter
 Kristi Herme
 29 - Dale Haiby



ANNIVERSARY WISHES

7 - Nikki & Jordan Osse

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