

Prayer Care

For care visits, or if you or someone you know should be included in our prayers including, births, deaths, and military service, contact the church office. You may also submit a prayer request through the "Prayer and Care" tile on the Bethany Elkhorn mobile app, or visit the Prayer Room and pick up a prayer card.

●Ron Parsonage, Jan Schellen, Leroy Moats, Zach Peterson, Pastor Larry Arganbright, Brad Hahn, Bill Wood, Barb Frye

●Baptized: Braylie Grace Faltys, daughter of Jeff and Brittany Faltys

●Sympathy to Courtney and Jeff Persson, Jackson, Colton and Everly on the passing of Courtney's father, James Lore

Hurricane Relief through Lutheran Disaster Response

Join us in praying for those devastated by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. In response to these tragedies, Bethany is supporting the hurricane disaster relief effort by directing funds to the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response. To give to the hurricane response where funds are needed most, designate "hurricane relief" on your check or give through our website or mobile app. Funds will be directed through Lutheran Disaster Response.

5th Quarter for Middle School October 6 | 9-11PM

\$5 for Food, Fun and Friends after the game! Please contact Wendi Grasso at ext. 221 to help chaperone.

Tri-Faith Initiative Event

Sunday, October 15 | 1:00PM

- Meet at Temple Israel, 13111 Sterling Ridge Drive, Omaha
- Bethany's Jubilee group is organizing this event, which is open to everyone.
- Tour and hear from leaders at Temple, Israel, Countryside Community Church, and American Muslim Institute.

Visit bethanyelkhorn.org/jubilee to learn more.

This Week at Bethany

Sunday, October 1

- 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 AM Worship
- 9:15, 10:30AM Sunday School
- 9:15 AM Confirmation
- 11:45 AM Bethany Basics Lunch / fellowship hall
- 12:30 PM Bethany Basics Session 1 / gathering place
- 6:00PM Youth Night

Monday, October 2

- 9:15 AM Tai Chi / fellowship hall
- 6:00 PM Yoga / preschool gathering room

Tuesday, October 3

- 6:30 PM Love & Logic / gathering place
- 8:30 PM Men's Basketball / activity center

Wednesday, October 4

- 9:15 AM Tai Chi / fellowship hall
- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study / quiet room
- 5:30 PM Oasis Community Meal / activity center
- 6:30 PM Oasis Worship
- 7:00 PM Oasis Kids / Confirmation / High School Groups / HS worship band / Adult classes

Thursday, October 5

- 9:30 AM Bible Study / fellowship hall
- 8:30 PM Men's Basketball / activity center

Friday, October 6

- 6:30 AM Men of Bethany Bible Study / gathering place
- 7:30 PM AA (open) / room 302
- 9:00 PM 5th Quarter

Saturday, October 7

- 7:30 AM AA (open) / conference room

Worship Attendance

Wednesday, September 20	225
Sunday, September 24	<u>1,021</u>
	1,246

Contributions

72% { ANNUAL BUDGET
RECEIVED as of Sep 24

\$432,411 Needed yet to meet 2017 Budget

September BUDGET
RECEIVED as of the 24th } **109%**



Bethany Lutheran Church | bethanyelkhorn.org | October 1, 2017

Larry Arganbright, Co Lead Pastor
Jon Bustard, Co Lead Pastor
Lee Griess, Visitation Pastor
Claire Meyer, Deacon

Office

8:30-4:30 Mon-Fri, 8:30-11:45 Sun
402.289.4440

Today in Worship

Tanzania Sunday | John 13:31-35
Love, Peace, Faith and Service

Next Sunday

Lutheran Like Us Series Begins
What Happened? Ephesians 2:4-10



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Welcome to Bethany!

We're glad you are worshiping with us today! We hope you feel at home and enjoy your time with us.

New here? Whether you have been here many times or never been to church before, you can anticipate an encouraging experience. We'd love to get to know you. Please sign the welcome folder in the pew or stop by the welcome center.

What about children? Children are always welcome in worship. Child-friendly backpacks are available in both lobbies.

- A Quiet Room is available off the east entrance if you need a private space or to quiet your child.
- The Nursery, located just off the east lobby, is open from 9:00-11:45AM every Sunday for infants to 36 months. Please enter the nursery door near the preschool wing to check in.
- Sunday School at 9:15 and 10:30AM. Check-in stations are in the west lobby.

Want to connect with other people at Bethany? Small Groups are at the heart of Bethany's ministries. Our hope is that everyone who attends our church will find community in small groups. Learn more and find a small group at bethanyelkhorn.org/smallgroups.

Stay connected online. Visit our website to learn about our ministries, revisit messages, or make a financial gift. Download the Bethany Elkhorn mobile app from the app or play store. Or find us on social media for updates on what's happening at the church.

Welcome to Worship

9:15 and 10:30AM Worship

Gathering Song: You, You Are God

Call to Worship, Family News, Greeting

Worship Songs: *Awesome Is the Lord Most High; Holy Is the Lord*

Affirmation of Faith

Baptism

9:15 Braylie Grace Faltys, daughter of Jeff and Brittany Faltys

Scripture Reading: John 13:31-35

Children's Message

--Devanee Auel, Mission Director

Confession

Worship Song: *No Turning Back*

Message: *Love, Peace, Faith, Strength*

--Uduru Pastor Solomon

Offering: *Be the Center*

Text any AMOUNT to 402-289-8718 to give electronically from your mobile device.

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer, Blessing

Sending Song: *Not To Us*

●**Lord's Supper:** Holy Communion is celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday at all worship services. For those desiring weekly communion, a station is available in the Chapel following each worship celebration on Sunday. Allergen-free wafers are available.

●**Prayer Room:** Located just outside the central entrance to the worship center, the prayer room offers a quiet space for prayer and reflection.



Love All Serve All

Mission Ministry News

For more of Bethany's Missions visit bethanyelkhorn.org/missions

●Tanzania Partnership Uduru

We are honored to have Pastor Solomon from our partner church, Uduru Parish, deliver our message this morning. Pastor Solomon and his companions, Joan and Henry, spent the week with Bethany members building relationships and experiencing American culture. Please help us in thanking them for their visit. We will lead a team to Uduru Parish in Tanzania next summer and look forward to growing this partnership.



●Love All Serve All Mission Gala October 26

5:30-9PM at The Club at Indian Creek | Tickets \$75

RSVP at bethanyelkhorn.org/missiongala

Gather your friends and join us for a night of fun, delicious food and drinks, and great auction items to support Bethany's Mission Ministry and partnerships.

How you can help:

Be a Table Captain: Commit to attending the gala, purchase your own ticket(s), invite your friends, family, fellow small group members, etc. to help you fill a 10 person table *You are NOT responsible for purchasing any unfilled spots at your table

Donate: Auction items for the silent and live auctions, and bottles of wine for the wine pull. All donations are tax deductible and due by October 12.

Sponsor: Event sponsorships at multiple levels are available.

●Service Saturday at Open Door Mission

Join us this Saturday, October 7, from 11AM to 1PM and help the Open Door Mission provide 2,200 meals to those in need. Sign up at bethanyelkhorn.org/servenow.

●Lutheran World Relief

Please pick up a bag from the lobby today. A list of needed items for Lutheran World Relief kits including: baby care, school, fabric, and personal care is included. Donations are appreciated through October 15. Look for collection bins in the lobby.

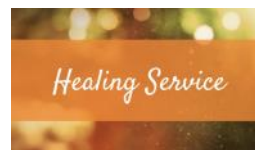
Bethany Basics

Bethany is a place for those who believe or want to believe. If you've been visiting Bethany for a while, but have not yet officially made Bethany your church home, we would love to have you join us in an upcoming, three-part new member orientation called Bethany Basics. Two upcoming classes include: October 1, 4, 8 and November 12, 15, 19. Join us today at 11:45 in the fellowship hall to begin session one of the October class. Or contact Anna at anna.musselman@bethanyelkhorn.org to register for November.

High School Small Group Kick Off | Tonight | 6:00-7:00PM

For high school students and friends

In a large church like ours, it can be difficult to connect or be known. We want students to know they have a place where they are known and feel connected and valued. High school small groups are forming now. Come and hear about opportunities students will have for the coming year, and hear first-hand experiences from other students. Join us for fun and learning as we begin to know what God wants for you as a teen.



Quarterly Healing Service | October 8 | 11:45AM

Gather with us on Sunday, October 8 at 11:45 in the Chapel for a brief service of healing, meditation and prayer. All members and friends in need of healing and wholeness are invited to attend.

Upcoming Milestones for Children | bethanyelkhorn.org/signup

- Any age: Baptism | multiple dates and times to fit your schedule
- Any age: First Communion | Saturday, October 21, 9AM-12PM
- 2nd grade: Prayer Milestone | Wednesdays, October 11, 18, 7PM

Open Small Group Opportunities

Sign up in the office or visit bethanyelkhorn.org/smallgroups

●**5 Love Languages | Women's Small Group meets Monday evenings twice a month beginning tomorrow**
Words of affirmation, quality time, gifts, acts of service, physical touch – How we love our spouse, children, parents, friends, and other important people in our lives is different with each relationship. To what degree do you feel loved by the significant people in your life and love them in return? Join in as they take a deeper look at the 5 Love Languages.

●**Balancing Life's Demands | All (men, women, couples, singles) are invited**

Are you busy, tired, stressed out, and stretched to the limit? Does life seem a little out of control? Are you running long on "to do's" and short on time? In the series, Balancing Life's Demands, you will learn how to put "first things first" and find peace in the midst of pressure and adversity. This isn't about clichés or quick fixes, just practical biblical insights to help you order your personal world. Everyone is welcome on Monday evenings 6:30 – 8PM for a 10 week study on Balancing Life's Demands.

Men's Madness at the Mark

October 10 | 7:30-9PM

Light eats, drinks, and encouragement as we continue the series "Seven Questions That Rattle In the Minds of Most Men." Join us at The Mark in Elkhorn for each stand-alone session.

Trunk or Treat

October 25 | 5:30-7PM

Trunks and candy needed. Learn more and sign up at bethanyelkhorn.org/signup by October 22.