



# Bethany NEWS

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*Bethany Lutheran Church - Worshiping together since 1958*

## For Independence day

**Theodore Roosevelt - April 1894**

" . . . We Americans have many grave problems to solve, many threatening evils to fight, and many deeds to do, if, as we hope and believe, we have the wisdom, the strength, the courage, and the virtue to do them. But we must face facts as they are. We must neither surrender ourselves to a foolish optimism, nor succumb to a timid and ignoble pessimism. Our nation is that one among all the nations of the earth which holds in its hands the fate of the coming years. We enjoy exceptional advantages, and are menaced by exceptional dangers; and all signs indicate that we shall either fail greatly or succeed greatly. I firmly believe that we shall succeed; but we must not foolishly blink at the dangers by which we are threatened, for that is the way to fail.

On the contrary, we must soberly set to work to find out all we can about the existence and extent of every evil, must acknowledge it to be such, and must then attack it with unyielding resolution. There are many such evils, and each must be fought after a fashion; yet there is one quality which we must bring to the solution of every problem,- that is, an intense and fervid Americanism. We shall never be successful over the dangers that confront us; we shall never achieve true greatness, nor reach the lofty ideal which the founders and preservers of our mighty Federal Republic have set before us, unless we are Americans in heart and soul, in spirit and purpose, keenly alive to the responsibility implied in the very name of American, and proud beyond measure of the glorious privilege of bearing it . . . ."

Excerpt from "'True Americanism"  
~ from "The Forum Magazine"

## **"Proud To Be An American" Lee Greenwood**

If tomorrow all the things were gone,  
I'd worked for all my life.  
And I had to start again,  
with just my children and my wife.

I'd thank my lucky stars,  
to be livin' here today.  
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom,  
and they can't take that away.

And I'm proud to be an American,  
where at least I know I'm free.  
And I won't forget the men who died,  
who gave that right to me.

And I gladly stand up,  
next to you and defend her still today.  
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land,  
God bless the USA.

From the lakes of Minnesota,  
to the hills of Tennessee.  
Across the plains of Texas,  
From sea to shining sea.

From Detroit down to Houston,  
and New York to L.A.  
Well there's pride in every American heart,  
and its time we stand and say....

That I'm proud to be an American,  
where at least I know I'm free.  
And I won't forget the men who died,  
who gave that right to me.

And I gladly stand up,  
next to you and defend her still today.  
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## Passage

Oh, what is so glad as the sun in a wintry sky.  
 A sight most welcome to my frowning eye.  
 The weeds struggling upright in a patch of snow  
 Stand like parched bouquets endowed with particular  
 glow.  
 Blessed sun, shine on the white cowled earth  
 And give to us the promise that soon there be birth  
 Of this radiance, not for just an hour 'til hidden by  
 cloud  
 But through day, from dawn to dusk, shining so proud.  
 We long for the cooling breath from nature's mouth  
 When in heat we suffer from burning rays from the  
 south.  
 Variety is nature's boon to wearisome burden  
 We must endure before seasonal exchange arrives  
 again.  
 Thank you, Lord, for the white winter 'ere it passes  
 along  
 All that grows, thrives, leaps and in time dies.  
 Pause and reflect: do we not, too, enter as one whose  
 passage flies?

## Summer's Creatures

The Cicadas announce with their strange voices that  
 Summer is tired and ready to move to different realms.  
 Will these unseen creatures reveal the purpose of their  
 diligent intrusion into the darkness of a summer night?  
 No? Silence is indeed broken if an ear is akin to that  
 minute whistling — if listened for!  
 Such delight - such mysterious relationship I feel for yet  
 another season aroused by the emergence of Nature's  
 voice.  
 Somber, torrid, violet, or peaceful, we who seek to  
 control are thus ourselves controlled.  
 To humble the aggression of human act, she — the  
 demoiselle called by us for favors does as she will and  
 our power is controlled.  
 The quietly noisy heralds of Summer's fading glory are  
 the gifts of sweet constancy that their presence  
 provides.  
 I sleep now as the lullaby of small creatures covers me  
 with a blanket so delicate that the needles of Nature  
 have sewn a cover of tranquil protection.

## Happy Moments

When the snow flakes fall in cold covering, I see,  
 instead, apple blossoms heavy with dew.  
 But how 'ere we know that Spring follows in sweet  
 delight  
 We must harbor unto us the unfriendly cover that will  
 soon melt.  
 To awaken and see the gold of sunny days instead of  
 sullen gray clouds soon gone, is the reward given for  
 patience and fortitude.  
 Far away sand blows with evil glee o'er the rocks and  
 desolation of our Lord's birth.  
 Though He is not present in person, His Spirit fills the  
 world.  
 Wait, therefore, for His summons to that paradise for  
 which we long.  
 There will those who have preceded us but who wait for  
 us.  
 Live today as if tomorrow will mark the reunion of  
 thought departed.  
 Speak not with evil intent to any who attempt to seize  
 our happy moments upon this earth.  
 Each eye, each thought shall be cast upon that Heart of  
 our Holy Land.  
 It is He who grades our intentions in the BOOK OF LIFE!

## The Hunger of Loneliness

Will that tear that lies bluntly below my eyelid.  
 Explode like unspent bullet and tear aside this misery?  
 If so, how disastrous would be the memory of my  
 distress?  
 I think of arising from momentary rest and seek her  
 who seemed to fill my empty hours in dimmed love.  
 I search bitterly the return of lost hours existing  
 between us.  
 In the jaws of unlovely word, of graceless moments  
 squandered on inglorious actions.  
 Crawling on bellies like hungry animals, we long to tear  
 aside our lonely lives.  
 With the nourishment of love sincerely expressed like a  
 fledgling bird beneath his mother's feathered breast.  
 In our next we secure the only wealth bequeath

**Let's give the gift of life.** The Bethany sponsored Red Cross blood drive will be held on July 17 at the Church of the Redeemer United Methodist Church at 235 McNaughten Road. Hours are from 1:30 to 6:30 PM. If you receive a phone call asking you to make an appointment to be a donor, please reply affirmatively.



**Service Opportunities for you**

**Lay readers and ushers** are needed for late worship services. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. If you will help, please contact Stan Ruff or Harriet Rummel.

**Vacation Bible School Volunteers** are still needed for our July 27-31 session. Most needed are Adventure Guides who will take groups of kids to each rotation site. Please use the sign-up sheet on the Information Board if you are willing to assist.

**Recyclables for VBS:** VBS has collected enough milk jugs for our crafts and games. Please continue to save shoe boxes, rubber bands and string and place them in the VBS box located in the coat room.



**Vacation Bible School  
July 27 - 31**

**Bible Study**

- WHEN:** Saturday, July 12, 2008  
11:00 - 12:00
- WHERE:** Ottawa Ridge  
Upstairs activity room
- SUBJECT:** Expected Surprises
- LEADER:** Eric Bornschlegl  
Bethany Lutheran Church

from the Citizen-Journal Sat., Feb 12, 1966, Cols., O.

*"The people of Bethany are aware that God has blessed them greatly. The congregation started with 62 confirmed members, 118 baptized members. Today it numbers 250 confirmed members, 465 baptized members."*



On Aug 31,1966 Pastor Wisch resigned as Bethany's pastor to continue his education. The following information was collected in 1966 prior to a call for a new pastor: "the annual budget for 1966 was \$34,425; average Sunday school attendance was 164 with a staff of 24 teachers. There was an active Couples Club with 10 - 15 couples who met informally monthly for Christian fellowship and entertainment enjoying activities such as bowling, miniature golf, skating, cook-outs, Christmas, St. Patrick's Day and Halloween parties. The Women's Guild was the only formal organization for women with 53 members, 30 who were active members. The Guild, associated with LWML, helped with such services as altar care, visiting new members and the sick, and visiting Franklin County Home to sponsor a monthly party for the residents."

On November 6, 1966, Rev. Richard E. Taron was installed as our second Pastor and served at Bethany until August 5, 1969.

**"Quotes"**

"Restriction of free thought and free speech is the most dangerous of all subversions. It is the one un-American act that could most easily defeat us."

~ William O. Douglas

"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."

~ Abraham Lincoln

**Want your newsleteter by e-mail?**

If you are "online" and would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail instead of printed form, please notify Bev Ruff of your email address and you will be put on the email list. E-mail newsletters will save paper, postage and a little labor by the office staff. . . . and is a small way to be "green."



**Swiss Steak**

Submitted by Helen Wisch

- 2 pounds round steak
  - Salt and pepper
  - Flour
  - 2 tablespoon shortening
  - 1 medium onion, diced
  - 1 stalk celery, chopped
  - 1 medium green pepper, diced
  - 1 cup tomato soup
  - 1/4 cup water
  - 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 Cut steak into serving pieces.
  - 2 Season with salt and pepper, roll in flour.
  - 3 Sear meat until golden brown in hot shortening.
  - 4 Add onion, celery, green pepper, tomato soup and water.
  - 5 Add flour to thicken sauce
  - 6 Cook slowly for 2 hour on low flame.

From "Bethany's Best" 1965  
Recipes collected by the  
Bethany Lutheran Women's Guild

**Praline Bars**

- from Ellie Tuhy in April Newsletter 1985

**Mix:**

- 1 cup flour
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans
- 1/4 tsp. Baking powder

- 1 Press into 9x15" pan.
- 2 Bake 10-12 minutes at 350 degrees until light brown.

**Mix:**

- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans

- 1 Pour over hot crust. Add a few pecan halves, if desired.
- 2 Bake at 350 degrees about 20 minutes.
- 3 Cut while warm.
- 4 Makes 30-36 squares.

**. . . and to save energy**

**Solar-Powered, Sun-Brewed Iced Tea**

- 1 gallon water
- 6-8 tea bag (depending on strength desired)

Directions:

- 1 Early in the day- fill a gallon jar with water, tea bags and honey; cover and place jar out in a sunny spot.
- 2 Remove from outdoors, remove tea-bags (these can go in the compost).
- 3 Place jar in fridge to chill.
- 4 Serve over ice cubes or just chilled.

**Food Pantry Wish List Items**

- Toiletries, shampoo, deodorant, soap
- Diapers, all sizes
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Powdered drink mix with sugar
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Hamburger/Tuna Helper
- Canned Pastas



**Baby foods**

- Tea bags, individually wrapped or small boxes
- Coffee in small jars, or 1- and 2-lb. cans

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**Worship Services**  
**Communion celebrated every Sunday**

**Traditional Service**  
8:00 a.m. every Sunday  
11:00 a.m. 1st & 4th Sunday monthly

**Contemporary Service**  
11:00 a.m. 2nd & 3rd Sunday monthly

**Sunday school**  
9:30 a.m. every Sunday Sept through June

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