



**SPOTLIGHT
ON
BETHANY**

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Since pregnancy brain made me forget to ask someone to write this month, I guess it's my turn! I'm sure by now most of you know who I am, but if you don't, I'm Kelsey (Munger) Burnett. I'm the current Communications Director here at Bethany and have also been a lifelong member.

I was baptized as a baby at Bethany and also went through confirmation as a teen. I have so many memories of attending Kids Club on Wednesday evenings and Bible School every summer. A big part of my faith growing up was my grandma, Judy Schleicher. She organized Kids Club and Bible School for many years. I have fond memories of her picking my siblings and I up for Sunday school and fighting over the rear facing seat in her station wagon.

When my grandma passed away, my relationship with church and God changed. I was angry that He could take away someone so important to me and going to church became difficult for me. Eventually, as a teenager, I stopped attending church at all. I struggled with mental illness and my anger with God grew. How could He let all these terrible things keep happening to me? I will say, I never stopped believing in God, but my faith became very twisted. This continued into early adulthood.

After years of trying to better my life and continuing to feel as though my prayers weren't being answered, I fully turned to God. What did I have to lose? Being angry with God wouldn't bring my grandmother back, wouldn't help my grief process, and most certainly wouldn't make my life better. I learned to really speak to God while praying and to trust that he would answer my prayers the way He sees fit. Even if that means having a different outcome than what I wanted.

My grief slowly became more bearable and my mental illnesses became more manageable. I met my soulmate and we started a life together. I started a job at Bethany and finally feel that I'm where I belong in life. Now, in a few short months, I'll be welcoming my first child. I can't wait to tell him all about his great Grandma and how much she meant to me and my faith. I can't wait to Baptize him here at Bethany. And most of all, I can't wait to teach him about God and all the wonderful things he can do if you just have a little faith.

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What happens in May?



-  5/1 is May Day
-  5/4 is National Day of Prayer
-  5/5 is Cinco de Mayo
-  5/6 is Kentucky Derby Day
-  5/11 is Eat What You Want Day
-  5/14 is Mother's Day
-  5/20 is Amelia Earhart Day
-  5/23 is Lucky Penny Day
-  5/25 is National Wine Day
-  5/29 is Memorial Day
-  5/31 is National Flip Flop Day



May Trivia



1. What is May's birth flower?
2. What zodiac sign is from April 20th to May 20th?
3. What famous building in New York opened on May 1st, 1931?
4. What state became part of the US on May 11th, 1958?
5. What famous American bridge opened on May 27th, 1937?
6. What date in May is celebrated as Star Wars day?
7. Which Greek Goddess was the month of May named after?
8. What is the birthstone for May?
9. What movie premiered on May 25th, 1977?
10. What did Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis officially invent in May of 1873?
11. Which award ceremony took place for the first time on May 4th, 1959?
12. On May 1st, 1930, which planet was discovered?

Answers: 1. Lily of the Valley; 2. Taurus; 3. The Empire State Building; 4. Minnesota; 5. The Golden Gate Bridge; 6. May 4th; 7. Maia, the Goddess of Spring; 8. Emerald; 9. Star Wars; 10. Blue Jeans; 11. The Grammys; 12. Pluto

Bethany Info

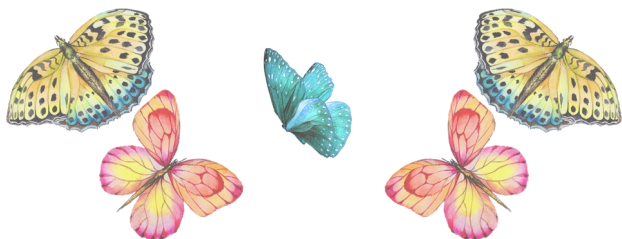
May Worship Schedule

5/7 Peter Hilden & Tom Smith

5/14 Peter Hilden

5/21 Chuck Legvold

5/28 Peter Hilden



Communion

May 7th - Terri Bailey

June 4th - Gayle Wood

July 2nd - Cheryl Eickman

Coffee Fellowship

May 7th - Terri Bailey

May 14th - No Coffee Fellowship - Mother's Day

May 21st - Kelsey Burnett

May 28th - Gayle Wood

May Birthdays

Sandy Jocson	5/02
Zoey Brown	5/04
Corey Munger	5/07
Carter Olson	5/07
Sage Hecox	5/11
Sandy Hewitt	5/12
Nick McCormick	5/17
Denny Schleicher	5/20
Kim Metcalf	5/22
Alex DuFoe	5/23
Melissa McCormick	5/24
Carolyn Rink	5/24
Marlys Marsh	5/28
Bob Bosma	5/28

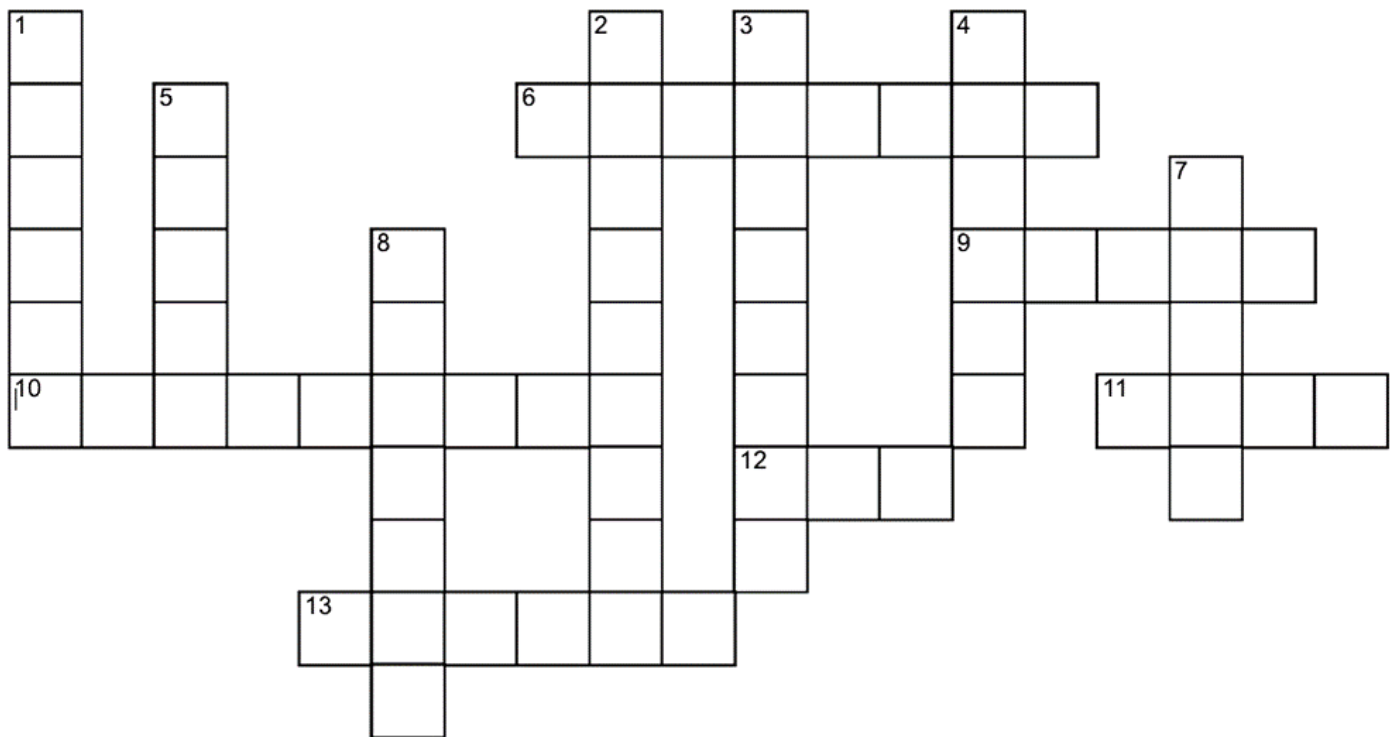
happy
birthdays



Easter at Bethany



Crossword



Across

6. Her daughter danced for Herod on his birthday (Matthew 14:6)
9. Mother of Ishmael (Genesis 16:15)
10. Mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)
11. Mother of Jesus (Luke 1:27-38)
12. Mother of Cain, Abel, and Seth (Genesis 4:1-2, 25)
13. Samuel's mother (1 Samuel 1:20)

Down

1. Mother of Timothy (2 Timothy 2:15)
2. Mother of King Solomon (2 Samuel 12:24)
3. Mother of Aaron, Miriam, and Moses (Exodus 6:20)
4. Mother of Joseph and Benjamin (Genesis 30:24 and 43:29)
5. Mother of Mahlon and Kilion, one of whom married Ruth (Ruth 11:1-2)
7. Mother of Isaac (Genesis 21:3)
8. Mother of Jacob and Esau (Genesis 24:67)

**May Mission of
the Month:
Bethany Youth
Mission Trip**



The Bethany youth will be going on a mission trip July 1-9 to Nashville, Tennessee, this year. The group includes four youth and two adults. We are going through YouthWorks, which is the organization we've used for the past several mission trips. We are excited to show new youth how much fun can be had while serving others, experiencing new things, meeting new people, and most of all, sharing our love of Jesus. The cost for the trip is approximately \$800 per person. We have just completed a very successful Gensler Gardens flower sale and have just begun selling chocolate bars. We are also planning a spaghetti dinner for May 20th - more information to follow! We look forward to sharing our experiences from the mission trip with you later this summer.



*Time to
Celebrate!*

Congratulations to Ethan Bock on his graduation from Police Academy!

We Believe

In the Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
There is only one way to salvation; through the Lord
Jesus Christ.

In the need to be born again; to invite Christ into
our heart.

That Jesus is God who became flesh: fully human
and fully divine.

The Bible is the Word of God; uniquely inspired and
inerrant.

The Biblical guidelines for marriage and human
sexuality are equally valid for all generations.

In the sanctity of human life which begins at
conception.

The primary mission of the church is to proclaim
Christ as Lord and Savior.



Master's Touch

If you or someone you know here at Bethany is
homebound and would like a visit and/or to
receive communion in your home, **Dan Bock and
Marlys Marsh are available.** Call the office
(815-877-8001) or below:

Dan Bock: 815-289-4857

Gayle Wood: 815-871-1368

Sandy Hewitt: 815-985-2482

Marlys Marsh: 815-978-7806



From the Church Office

*Want to see your stuff in print? Got a short story?
A drawing? Maybe you have a picture of your kids
playing an instrument? Have you shared your
faith with someone? Write it up and tell us how it
turned out. Remember, this kind of practice
makes Jesus proud!*

***Drop your info in the offering plate and it will
make it's way to the office!***

-Or-

Email Kelsey at: office@bethpc.org

MAY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 	2 10:30 Bible Study w/ Michael 11:30am Bethany in Prayer	3	4 11am Small Group w/ Ed Z	5 	6
7 9:30am Worship 11am Small Groups	8 7pm Session Meeting 7pm Deacon meeting	9 10:30 Bible Study w/ Michael 11:30am Bethany in Prayer	10	11 11am Small Group w/ Ed Z	12	13
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