

Mustard Seed

September 2025



Rick's Ramblings September '25

Faith Journey - #1

I guess when we start a journey, you never know what might happen along the way. Health issues, monetary concerns, spiritual doldrums - these are all things that can change our perspective of the journey and how we continue on it. Recently I had a few setbacks with health concerns - a new hip, and Covid. It kept me from being a part of some new life in our church, a baptism.

After having many celebrations of life here at Bethany, it was going to be my first baptism. But then Covid came calling and kept me in bed while young Brixlee was given a new life in Christ, and membership in the Church. One can look at it as "I missed my first baptism here at Bethany", or "We have a new member to join our church family!". I choose the latter.

This "new life" is the reason my journey has brought me to Bethany. It is to serve at whatever God is calling me to be, or better framed, what God is calling us to be.

As we move forward in our faith journey as a church, may we be aware of what God is calling us to do and be receptive to it. All too often people like to focus on the downside of a situation, or look through a lens that maybe doesn't involve them or their preferences as the top priority. We are to serve, and serve with a glad heart. May we enjoy and grow in our faith as we journey forward.

AMEN!

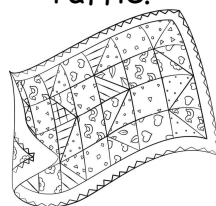
August Happenings

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| September 1) | Labor Day |
| September 9) | Quilting 9:00-12:00 |
| September 16) | Mutual Ministry 5PM Church Council 6PM |
| September 17) | Quilting 1:00-3:00 |
| September 20) | Camp Onomia Fundraising event Camp Onomia 11:00AM |
| September 21) | Outdoor Worship Camp Onomia 10:00AM |
| September 27) | First Day of Fall |



Camp Onomia Fundraising Event

There will be a fundraising event at Camp Onomia on September 20. It will consist of a silent auction, bake sale, and the quilt preview starting at 11:00am. The live quilt auction will be at 1:00pm, with the quilt raffle following at 3:00pm. Raffle tickets are held in the Bethany admin office for a \$5.00 donation, or contact Patti W. You do not need to be present to win the quilt raffle.



September Helpers

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| September 7) Hosts: Dick & Elaine Lector: Judy W. Communion Asst.: Judy W. & Patti W. Counters: Patti W. & Judy V. | September 14) Hosts: Mark & Michelle Lector: Mark Communion Asst.: Mark & Michelle Counters: Michelle & Velma |
| September 21) Hosts: Patti W. & Bella Lector: Patti W. Communion Asst.: Patti W. & Bella Counters: Patti W. & Velma | September 28) Hosts: Dixie & Bruce Lector: Dixie Communion Asst.: Dixie & Bruce Counters: Bruce & Patti W. |

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| September 1 | Rick Gabriel | Birthday |
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| September 2 | Joani Ellingson | Birthday |
| September 5 | Butch Hastings | Birthday |
| September 8 | Patti Hook | Birthday |
| September 10 | Collen Kightlinger | Birthday |
| September 12 | Jackie Giddings | Birthday |
| September 15 | Adeline Anderson | Birthday |
| September 19 | Eileen Hastings | Birthday |
| September 20 | Dale Kightlinger | Birthday |

Community Connect

The Community Connect event at Onamia Elementary School was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated socks for the sock drive. We collected and handed out over 400 pairs of socks! We could never do an event like this without the generosity of the community. It is truly a blessing to be able to serve such an amazing group of people!

GOAT FOR DINNER

The young couple invited their elderly pastor over for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked the son what they were having for dinner.

"Goat," the little boy replied.

"Goat?" asked the startled man of the cloth, "Are you sure about that?"

"Yep." said the youngster, "I heard Dad say to Mom 'Today is just as good as any to have the old goat for dinner.'"



The angel told the women something. What was it?

Use the code to find out.

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•Children's Worship Bulletin•

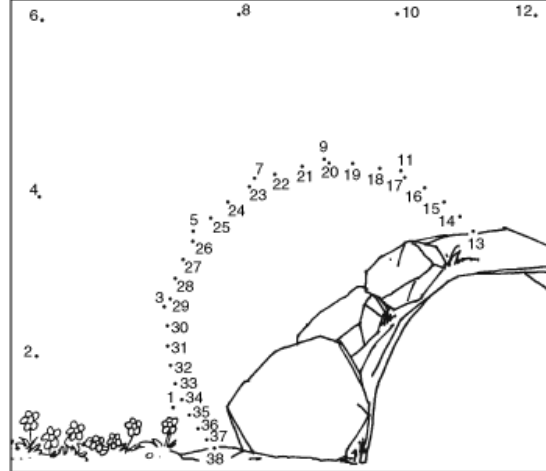
Ages 7-12

Easter Sunrise • Matthew 28:1-10

The Resurrection

It was dawn on the first day of the week.
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
went to Jesus' tomb.

Connect the dots.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Bethany Lutheran Church has a prayer request chain. If you have someone you wish to add to our prayers for healing or comfort please feel free to reach out to Michelle. You can reach her at 320-360-5200.

SHOW AND TELL

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object that represented their religion to share with the class.

The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David."

The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary."

The third student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy. I am Methodist, and this is a casserole."



NO RESERVATION

Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45 minute wait for a table.

"Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said. "We may not have 45 minutes."

They were seated immediately.

WILL YOU SAY THE BLESSING?

My wife and I invited several people to dinner. At the table, she turned to our eight-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," she replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," my wife encouraged. Our daughter bowed her head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all of these people over for dinner?"



GOLDEN HARVEST AUTUMN SOUP

September is the beginning of soup season! Here is a recipe to kick off fall!

INGREDIENTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1lb ground beef• $\frac{3}{4}$ cup chopped onion• 2 cloves minced garlic• 3 cups water• 2 cups sweet potatoes, peeled and chopped• 1 cup chopped red potato• 1 cup acorn squash, peeled and chopped | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 tsp. Beef bouillon granules• 2 bay leaves• $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp chili powder• $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp pepper• $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp ground allspice• $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp ground cloves• 14.5 oz can undrained diced tomatoes |
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STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preparation Steps

Gather all your ingredients. Ensure you have a large saucepan ready. Peel and dice the onion, garlic, squash, and potatoes. Drain and rinse the canned tomatoes if needed.

2. Cooking Steps

Place the large saucepan over medium heat. Add the diced onion and beef to the saucepan, stirring occasionally until the meat is no longer pink.

Add the minced garlic to the saucepan and continue to cook for another minute, allowing the garlic to release its flavor.

Drain the mixture to remove any excess fat.

Return the drained mixture to the pan, then add the cloves, allspice, pepper, chili powder, bay leaves, and bouillon. Stir everything together to distribute the spices evenly.

Add the diced squash and potatoes to the saucepan, followed by enough water to cover the ingredients. Increase the heat to bring the mixture to a boil.

3. Simmering and Final Touches

Once boiling, reduce the heat to low, cover the saucepan, and let the soup simmer.

This allows the flavors to meld together and the vegetables to become tender, which should take about 15-20 minutes.

Add the tomatoes to the soup, stirring to combine, and continue to cook until they're heated. Discard the bay leaves and enjoy!

If you would like to take a look online here is the Website link

<https://soupchick.com/harvest-soup-recipe/#wpzoom-premium-recipe-card>

