

Bedford Lutheran

church with a heart

God's Vision for Us: To celebrate Christ, grow in Faith, and share God's Love with all! October 2018

A Message from Pastor Floyd Addison

Dear Friends,

St. Paul began his letter to the Romans with these words: "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world."

And he started his first letter to the Corinthians this way: "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus."

And he began his letter to the Philippians with this greeting: "I thank my God every time I remember you.", and to the Colossians he said "In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." and to the Thessalonians he said "We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers."

Paul could have written every one of those greetings to you, the members of Bedford Lutheran Church. You deserve the thanks of so many people for all you have done for the sake of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Over the years of its life you have worked and struggled and sacrificed for Bedford Lutheran Church. Because of you this church remains strong in its witness to your faith. And you remain strong in your faith because the grace of God sustains you.

That is the essence of stewardship, and you have, in fact, been good stewards of all the gifts God has given you as you bear witness to your faith through this church.

October is a time to celebrate and lift up all that you have done to be good stewards of God's many gifts. It's a time to give thanks for the time and energy and talents and commitments you have invested in this congregation. And it's a time to reaffirm those commitments as we move into a new year filled with new opportunities and new goals.

We do what we do at Bedford Lutheran Church in thanksgiving to the God who loves us, supports us, forgives us, restores us and strengthens us in our relationship with him.

As we set new goals for the next year, I hope you will know how important your love, your service and your commitment to the church are.

I give thanks to God for everyone of you, to paraphrase Paul, for your faith, for your commitment to the Good News, and for the love you have shared with all of us.

Yours, in Christ,

Floyd Addison

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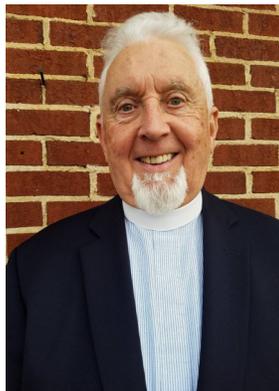
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“My Church”-a Testimonial by Anita Braun

In my own personal experience, despite many heartbreaking losses, I found joy again, and I could smile and really mean it because of Bedford Lutheran Church. This church became my family when I needed family the most. The worst losses of my life (measured with earth's yardstick) became my greatest gains (measured by faith in God and His promises). “A Mighty Fortress” became my anthem as referenced by the verse: “God's word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes who fear it; for God Himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. If they take our house, goods, fame, child or spouse, wrench our life away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!” I lost a majority of the above-mentioned items as well as my church of twenty years, due to a split. But, Bedford Lutheran embraced me with open arms. For the remainder of my life, I shall continue to give praise and thanksgiving to the gathering of believers who salvaged my life from a few leftover pieces and made me complete. I found Christ and His love exemplified in the caring hearts of this congregation. The love I experience each Sunday morning in the gathering of hearts at the “church with a heart” will always reinforce my faith, help me grow in Christ, share His message and experience joy. May I never take that for granted. May I live my life in such a positive, enthusiastic way that people take notice and realize an awareness that they, too, want to experience the same feelings. May that joy and caring always be found in the foundation of Bedford Lutheran Church.

All Saints Sunday/Consecration Sunday-November 4th

On Sunday, November 4th, we will remember our loved ones who have left us in the last year. We will also be dedicating our pledge cards for 2019 for the ministries of Bedford Lutheran Church. Please make plans to attend.



We Say Goodbye to Pastor Hank Boschen October 7th

On Sunday, October 7th, supply Pastor Hank Boschen will preach his final service at Bedford Lutheran Church. He is retiring due to the declining health of his beloved wife, Martha, and his need to be with her and care for her now more than ever. The relationship between Pastor Boschen and Bedford Lutheran goes back many years to 2005 when as a mission developer, he was instrumental in the establishment of a Lutheran church in Bedford, our current church, Bedford Lutheran. Over the years since 2005, Pastor Boschen has served as supply pastor during Pastor vacations to becoming our Pastor in January 2017 until a serious fall in late March 2017 and subsequent 4 month recuperation forced him to step down as Pastor. That didn't stop him though as he returned to Bedford Lutheran in August of 2017 as Supply Pastor two Sundays a month and has remained in that capacity to this day. We cannot thank Pastor Boschen enough for his service and dedication to Bedford Lutheran over the last 13 years. We will continue to keep Pastor Hank, his lovely wife and family in our thoughts and prayers and ask God to keep his loving arms around them.

We hope you will make plans to attend this special service on October 7th at 10:30 a.m. A reception for Pastor Boschen will be held following the service.



Fall Outdoor Worship & Picnic

The gloomy wet weather didn't stop us from holding our Fall Worship & Picnic inside our Parish House for the first time on Sunday, September 9th. The service attended by 27 people was held in our beautiful parlor with music provided by Charlotte Farley, guitar, David Hagerman, bongos, and Lyn Coppedge, violin. Following the service, everyone indulged themselves with the fabulous food provided. Of course as she always seems to do, this editor was too busy standing by the table feeding her face to remember to take that picture! Oops! Thanks to all who came!



God's Work Our Hands Day of Service-LFS Group Home

What a blessed evening we had as we hosted a picnic providing food and music for the residents and staff of Lutheran Family Services Group Home on Wednesday, September 12th. Charlotte Duis presented 30 bibs made by the sewing group for the residents. Music was provided by Lyn Coppedge, violin, and David Hagerman, bongos, with singing led by Lyn & Eleanor Coppedge! The residents and staff so enjoyed the food and singing songs including Happy Birthday to 5 residents!

Worship Schedule

	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Greeters	Ann Sites	Jay Johnson	Gary Snyder	Mike & Vick Lantrip
Reading	Robin Wood	Florayne Snyder	Brenda Wolfert	Charlotte Duis
Ushers	Bob Pratt Gary Snyder	Fred Duis Ron Wolfert	Matthew Farley Robin Wood	Jay Johnson Shela Wolford
Communion	Doris Pratt	Gary Snyder	No Communion	No Communion
Altar Care	Ann Sites Set up- Johnson/Hagerman	Florayne Snyder Set up-Snyder	Brenda Wolfert Set up-Wolfert	Charlotte Duis Set up-Duis

Worship Attendance

- September 2: 23 people; September 9: 27 people; September 16: 27 people; September 23: 32 people
- Please submit items for the November Newsletter to Robin Wood by Monday, Oct. 22, 2018 or earlier if possible.

Pastoral Needs

Pastor Floyd Addison is serving as Interim Pastor. Please call him at 540-774-4165 (home) or 540-354-2921 (cell) for any needs. For Visitation, please call Gary Snyder at 540-583-5034 (home) or 434-203-9996 (cell) or Lyn Coppedge at 540-874-4098. For prayer requests to be shared with our community through email, please send request to bedfordlutheranva@gmail.com or call Robin Wood.

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